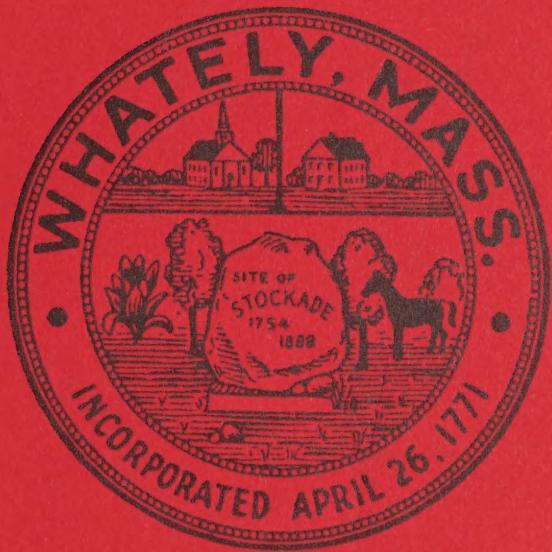


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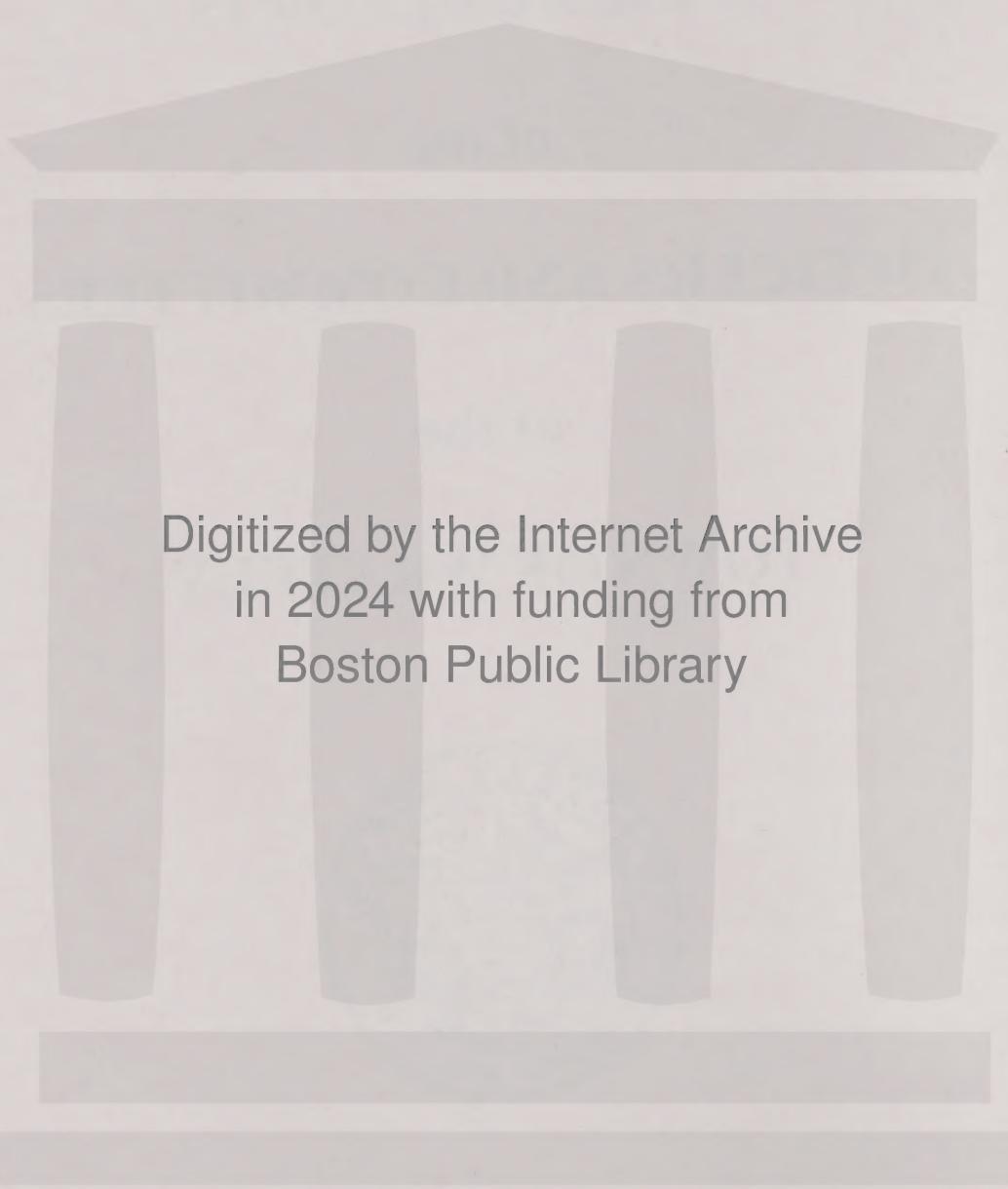
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## Dedication



**Alan E. Sanderson, Sr.**

Every year we dedicate this Annual Report to someone who has a positive impact and influence on the Whately community.

In Frank Capra's *It's A Wonderful Life*, George Bailey, the character played by Jimmy Stewart, comes to realize that his daily good deeds and friendship to the residents of the town of Bedford Falls had been of critical importance to this tight knit community. The priceless help and uncommon friendship that he had shown to others on a daily basis, though perhaps second nature to George, were events that made the town special.

We all know that Bedford Falls is a fictitious community, but we also know that these selfless individuals must exist for any town to truly thrive. Whately is fortunate to have more than one

of these individuals who touch many of our lives every day. One person has stood out in this respect for 50 years or more.

Because of his service to the community, the way he has repeatedly helped the town as a whole and touched many of our lives directly with uncommon kindness and friendship across the many years, we dedicate this year's report to Alan Sanderson, Sr.

The son of William and Madeline Sanderson, Alan was born in his current home on North Street on February 6, 1937 and graduated from Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School in 1955. After graduation, Alan enlisted in the United States Army from 1955 through 1958, serving at Fort Hood in Texas and overseas in Germany.

Upon his return from service to our country, Alan began dating and eventually married in July of 1959 Beverly Thornton. Alan's family started to grow in the 1960s with the addition of Alan, Jr. and then Brad. Now in 2007, Alan's legacy has grown even larger with three grandchildren, Tara, Meagan and Jake.

From the time he returned from the Army through 1968, Alan and his brother Neal, along with their father owned and operated a dairy farm, located on North Street, known as Fairview Farm. In 1968, Alan took a job with Consolidated Cigar Corporation, rising to the position of District Manager. In 1983 Alan and his sons bought the farmland on Long Plain Road now known as Fairview Farms, a local grower of tobacco and flowers. Subsequently, Alan left Consolidated Cigar in 1987 to devote his full-time attention to the Farm

Over the past 50 years since his return from military service, Alan has been a part of the fabric of Whately, embracing the inevitable changes the town has realized.

When Alan joined the Fire Department in the 1960s, 911 had not been created and he served as a first responder to emergencies with a "Red Phone" at his house that was used to start the telephone tree for others in the fire department. The Whately Fire Station consisted of two barns on State Road and the ambulance was the personal station wagon of Gene Graves. His many years of service, ending in retirement as a Lieutenant, saw the facilities and equipment of the fire department grow and were largely a result of his commitment to making Whately a livable community where everyone worked together and pitched in to help those in need.

Many of the long-time residents of Whately are familiar with the Monday night card games that were born from Alan's commitment to the Fire Department and the Fire Fighters Association. These gatherings set a tone for community spirit and a deep appreciation for the importance of Whately residents bonding together to help anyone needing support or a helping hand.

His commitment to town service also extended to positions on the committee that spear-headed construction of the Whately Youth Center in 1975 and an appointment to the Planning Board in the late 1980s and early 1990s. As a member of the Planning Board in 1987 Alan worked on the drafting and implementation of the re-drafting of the Whately Zoning Bylaws. These by-laws were created to "maintain the Town's rural character, protect natural resources – especially water supply and open space, and balance residential and business growth to provide a stable tax base."

It is the work of this committee that has helped Whately evolve into what is today considered one of the most livable towns in the Pioneer Valley.

Alan's community service also extends to his longtime membership in the Whately Grange where he was Past Master, as well as his charter membership in the Whately Lions Club. These voluntary, membership positions are prime examples of Alan giving back and being an integral part of his community, working tirelessly to lend a helping hand be it through scholarships or other charitable efforts.

There is no greater testimony to the number of lives touched by Alan than the annual dominance that he shows in the selling of Lions Raffle tickets. These efforts by Alan and the other members of the Whately Lions Club have been invaluable to so many residents of Whately. Leaders of the Lions Club realize Alan's commitment to public service and Whately as he is a past recipient of the Melvin Jones Achievement Award, an award only occasionally given to community members that demonstrate outstanding assistance to the Lions and the community that they serve.

Finally, Fairview Farms over the past 25 years is yet another testimony to the importance of Alan to this community. When the town needed help, Fairview Farms and the Sanderson family have been there. Whether it was for seeding at the elementary school, clean up at the town cemetery after horrible storms, or individual farmers in town needing personal assistance, Alan's Fairview Farms crew has always been there to help out. Further, the donations and assistance that Alan and Fairview Farms have made to Whately institutions such as the Congregational Church are immeasurable and yet another important example of the community spirit embodied in Alan.

At the end of *It's A Wonderful Life*, the angel Clarence reminds George Bailey that "each man's life touches so many other lives" and that the life of George Bailey has improved the lives of many and the life of the entire Bedford Falls community.

Alan Sanderson, Sr. is our George Bailey for he has touched so many lives through his official town service, his business and his role as friend and supporter to everyone in Whately. His commitment to this town and his quiet and selfless support to the town are an inspiration to others. Our town benefits from his service and friendship and for this we dedicate this report to Alan Sanderson, Sr.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Edwards, Chair  
Board of Selectmen

<b>Board or Committee:</b>	<b>Meeting Date:</b>
Agricultural Commission	No set meeting date
Assessors	Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 P.M., Town Hall
Board of Health	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:30 P.M., Center School
Cable TV Advisory Committee	No set meeting date
Capital Planning Committee	No set meeting date
Cemetery Commissioners	No set meeting date
Conservation Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall
Council on Aging	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 12:30 P.M., Senior Center
Cultural Council	No set meeting date
Energy Committee	No set meeting date
FCAT	No set meeting date
Finance Committee	No set meeting date
Franklin County Coop. Inspection Prog.	No set meeting date
Franklin County Technical School Comm.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Tech School
Friends of the Library	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Library
Frontier Regional School Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Frontier
Historical Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall
Historical Society	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:30 P.M., Center School
Implementation Committee	No set meeting date
Library Trustees	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 P.M., Library
Open Space Committee	No set meeting date
Personnel Committee	No set meeting date
Planning Board	Last Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall
Recreation Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., WES or Herlihy Park
Selectmen	2 <sup>nd</sup> & Last Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Center School
Town Clerk	M, W, Th, & Friday 9 – 4 P.M., Center School
Town Collector	Tuesdays Noon – 7:00 P.M.
Treasurer	Mondays, 3-7 P.M., Town Hall
Tri-Town Beach Committee	Tues. and Thurs., 8:45-2:45 P.M., Town Hall
Waste Management Committee	No set meeting date
Water Commissioners	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00 P.M., 19 Poplar Hill Rd.
Whately Grange	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Center School
Whately School Committee	See Annual Program Schedule
Zoning Board of Appeals	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00 P.M., WES
	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 6:30 P.M., Town Hall

Note: This schedule is provided for informational purposes only. Please check the Town Clerk's Board at the Center School Offices for official notification of meetings and hearings. Meetings are also posted on the Whately Website, [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org) and the Whately Bulletin Board broadcast on Channel 15 for cable viewers in town.

# WHATELY TOWN OFFICIALS

## Elected Officials

### Board of Selectmen

Jonathan S. Edwards	2007
Paul Newlin	2008
Alan E. Sanderson, Jr., Chair	2009

### Town Clerk

Lynn M. Sibley	2007
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### Assessors

Christine Langford	2009
Katherine Fleuriel	2007
Robert Bourke, Chair.	2008

### Board of Health

Gary Lawrence, Chair	2008
Francis Fortino	2009
Michael Archbald	2007

### School Committee

Robert Halla	2007
Clarissa Coffin	2008
Nathanael Fortune	2009

### Frontier Regional School Committee

William J. Smith	2009
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### Library Trustees

Sandra V. Saunders, Chair	2009
Shelley Futter	2009
Kathleen Smith	2008
Elizabeth Dwight	2007
Joyce Tutun	2007
Catherine Ohara	2008

### Cemetery Commissioners

Adelia A Bardwell	2008
Fred W. Bardwell	2007
Peter D. Hannum	2009

### Moderator

Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr.	2007
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### Constables

Edwin Zaniewski	2007
Thomas Mahar	2007

### Elector to the Will of Oliver Smith

James H. LaSalle, Jr.	2007
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### Water Commissioners

Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr.	2009
George Bucala, Jr. Chair	2007
Georgeann Dufault	2008

## Selectmen's Appointments

### Administrative:

#### Town Administrator

Lynn Sibley	2007
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#### Municipal Secretary

Barbara Hancock	2007
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#### Town Accountant

FrCOG – Joyce Muka	2007
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#### Treasurer/Collector

Susan Warriner	2007
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#### Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige	2007
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### Public Services

#### Superintendent of Streets

Keith Bardwell	2007
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#### Keeper of the Pound

Daniel G. Denehy	2007
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#### Tree Warden

Keith E. Bardwell	2007
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## Public Safety

<b>Chief of Police</b>	
James Sevigne, Jr.	2009
<b>Full-time Officers</b>	
Donald Bates	2007
<b>Special Police Officers</b>	2007
Robert Warger	
Edwin Zaniewski	
Randall Williams	
Heath Cummings	
James Bernier	
<b>Reserve/Intermittent Officers</b>	2007
Jeffrey Baker	
Scott Hutkoski	
James Purcell	
Marc Bryden	
Michael Paciorek	
<b>Fire Chief and Forest Warden</b>	
John S. Hannum	2007
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>	
Lynn M. Sibley	2007
<b>Assistant Emergency Management Director</b>	
Alan E. Sanderson, Jr.	2007
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	
Richard Adamcek	2007
<b>Hazardous Waste Coordinator</b>	
William Obear	2007
<b>Municipal Right to Know Coordinator</b>	
John S. Hannum	2007

## Inspectors and Inspection Services

<b>Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program Representative</b>	
James Ross	2007
<b>Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program</b>	2007
<i>Building Inspectors</i>	
James D. Hawkins	
James A. Cerone	
<i>Wiring Inspector</i>	
James Slowinski	
<i>Plumbing Inspector</i>	
Andy French	
<b>Inspector of Animals and Barns</b>	
Richard Adamcek	2007
<b>Weights and Measurers</b>	2007
Lyndon L. Scott	
Alan Sanderson, Sr.	
Joseph Rup	
Northampton Coop Auction	
Robert Warner	
Janet Land	
Kim Reardon	
John Payn	
<b>Fence Viewers and Field Drivers</b>	2007
Ronald Belder	
Ai S. Annis, Jr.	
David Chamutka	
Jonathan Edwards	
<b>Veterans Services</b>	
<b>Veteran's Agent</b>	
Leo Parent	2007
Central Franklin County Vet. District	
<b>Town Representative to Franklin County Veterans District</b>	
Donald Sluter	2007
<b>Veterans Graves Officer</b>	
Raymond Billiel	2007

## General Government

### **Registrars of Voters**

Neal B. Sanderson	2007
Nicole Ciesluk	2009
Theresa Billiel	2008
Lynn Sibley, Clerk	2007

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Debra Carney, Vice-Chair	2008
Roger P. Lipton, Chair	2009
Robert Smith	2007

#### *Alternates*

Don Sluter	2007
Gary Grybko	2007

#### *Secretary*

Diane Westman

### **Conservation Commission**

Scott Jackson, Chair	2007
Terrence Reynolds	2008
Patricia Devine	2009
George Owens	2007
Andrew Ostrowski	2008

### **Tri-Town Beach Committee**

William Skroski, Jr. Chair	2007
Elizabeth Orloski-Perfido	2008
Suzanne Cycz	2009

### **Recreation Commission**

Christopher Kellogg	2007
James Sevigne, Jr.	2007
Charles DeForest	2007
Nicole Ciesluk, Chair	2007
Robert Englehardt	2007
Roland Kinsman	2007
Barbara Hancock	2007

### **Historical Commission**

Monique Gagnon	2009
Rebecca Jones, Chair	2007
Alan McArdle	2007
Vacancy	

### **Energy Committee**

Lynn DiTullio
Jonathan Edwards
Nathanael Fortune
Melanie Chorak

### **Cultural Council**

Frances Symanski	2009
Ramsay Klaff, Chair	2009
Julie Sanderson	2009
George Colt	2008
Nathanael Fortune	2009
Katherine Ross	2007
Marianne Simon	2008
Tom Leamon	2008
Shirley Pielock	2009

### **Council on Aging**

Frances Symanski, Chair	2007
J. Charles Zaskey	2008
Josephine Wasielewski	2008
Elizabeth Orloski	2007
Bernard Mizula	2009
Virginia C. Allis	2008
Vacancy	

### **Agricultural Committee**

Paul Maiewski	2007
William Obear	2007
David Chamutka	2008
Timothy Nourse-Chair	2008
David Jackson-Secretary	2009
Cris Coffin-Consultant	

### **Implementation Committee**

Robert Bourke	2007
Kay Klippel	
Rebecca Jones	
Paul Newlin	

### **Open Space Committee**

Cris Coffin	2007
Mary Shanley-Koeber	
Terrence Renolds	
Jonathan Edwards	
Tom Litwin	

### **Building Code Board of Appeals**

Ralph Farrick	2008
Joseph Rup	2009
Randy Sibley	2007
Ewan Mikolajczuk	2011
Vacancy	

**Cable TV Advisory Committee**

Gregory Gagnon, Chair  
John K. Talmage  
Gary Lawrence  
Randy K. Sibley  
Joyce Palmer-Fortune

**Western Valley Water Protection Committee**

Vacant

**Franklin County Overall Economic****Development Plan Committee Representative**

Harold R. Swift, Jr.

**Franklin County Economic Target Area Representative**

Harold R. Swift, Jr.

**Franklin Regional Council of Governments Representative**

Lynn Sibley 2007

**Committee on Disabilities**

Donald Sluter, Chair  
Ralph Farrick  
Sandra Saunders  
Lynn M. Sibley

**Frontier Regional School Building Committee**

Robert Smith  
William Obear

**Franklin County Solid Waste District**

William Obear  
Fran Fortino, alternate

**Franklin County Transit Authority**

Fred Bardwell

**Whately Waste Management Committee**

William Obear  
Fran Fortino  
Gary Lawrence

**Municipal Building Committee**

Gary Grybko, Chair  
Adelia Bardwell  
Ralph Farrick  
Lynn Ditullio  
Virginia Allis  
Alan Sanderson, Jr.  
Lynn Sibley – Town Administrator

**Moderator's Appointments****Finance Committee:**

Paul Antaya, Chair	2008
Gregory Gagnon	2007
Jane Grybko	2007
Robert Fydenkevez	2009
Roger Kennedy	2007
Thomas Mahar	2009
Maryann Sadoski	2008

**Planning Board:**

Fred Bardwell	2007
Peter DeGregorio, Co-Chair	2009
John Torchia	2009
Anita Husted, Co-Chair	2009
Nicholas Jones	2008

**Franklin County Technical School Committee:**

Donald Sluter 2008

**Other Officials****Personnel Committee:**

Jonathan Edwards	
Appt. by Selectmen	
Keith Bardwell	
Elected by Employees	
Jane Grybko	
Appt. by Finance Comm.	
Patricia Barschenski, Chair	
Appt. by Moderator	
Janet Korytoski	
Appt. by Moderator	

**Capital Improvement Planning****Committee:**

Lynn Sibley, Town Administrator  
Jonathan Edwards, Selectmen  
Cris Coffin, Superintendent Rep.  
Sandra Saunders, at-large  
Bruce Tutun, at-large  
Roger Kennedy, Finance Committee  
Bruce Cleare, Planning Board Rep.

**Health Agent – Appt. by Board of Health**

Jackie Duda

**Water Superintendent – Appt. by Water Commissioners:**

William Smith

**Librarian – Appt. by Library****Trustees:**

Christine Moulton

**Emergency Medical Technician Coordinator – Appt. by Fire Chief**

Robert Englehardt

**Frontier Regional School Committee – Appt. by Whately School****Committee:**

Robert Halla

**Superintendent of Schools – Appt. by All School Committees**

Regina Nash

**Principal of Whately Schools – Appt. by Superintendent of Schools**

Donna Zaeske

**Transfer Station Attendants:**

James Rewa  
Douglas Scoville, alternate  
Alan Thackeray, alternate

**Anyone wishing consideration for an appointment to any committee may contact the Board of Selectmen.**

## **2006 Report of the Board of Selectmen**

2006 proved to be a very challenging year for the Selectmen from a financial standpoint. Along with the Finance Committee, the two boards made some very difficult decisions in order to balance the budget. Bringing a Proposition 2 ½ override vote to the people was a very hard but very necessary decision. The Board would like to acknowledge and thank the dedicated group of townspeople who went door to door to encourage their neighbors to vote for the override. We would also like to thank the voters for their support. The passing of the override allowed us to keep essential services at a consistent level with previous years.

The Selectmen would like to recognize Lynn DiTullio and Anita Husted, who chose not to run for re-election in 2006, for their years of dedicated service. Lynn DiTullio had served as an Assessor since 2003 volunteering to complete the unexpired term of Bruce Walker. Anita Husted had been a Library Trustee since 1985. Her knowledge and dedication to the library will be greatly missed. We thank Christine Langford, Assessor and Shelley Futter, Library Trustee for stepping up to fill these positions.

Volunteers continue to be the backbone of many of our boards and committees and we thank them for their dedication. We encourage anyone who is interested in serving in any capacity to contact the Selectmen's Office. We are presently seeking people for the Historical Commission, Implementation Committee, Energy Committee and Council on Aging.

Whately has gone high-tech! Part of our new contract with Comcast included funding for PEG Access (public, education and government) television. Channel 12 is in the development stage but will show Frontier related programming. Channel 15 is devoted to the Town of Whately. Not only does this channel show the calendar of meetings and events but since April it has been showing Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee meetings. Annual Town Meeting and other special events throughout the year have also been broadcast. The programming is done by volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Joyce Palmer-Fortune at [whatelycable@comcast.net](mailto:whatelycable@comcast.net) or the Selectmen's Office.

In 2006 the Open Space Committee completed and submitted the Open Space and Recreation Plan to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs who have conditionally approved the plan. This Plan was one of the goals of the Community Development Plan which was developed in 2004. Whately residents and committee members worked with Kimberly MacPhee of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to develop the plan which will be used to identify, prioritize, conserve and protect Whately's landscapes from the demands of future development.

Last year's rising energy costs had the Selectmen and Energy Committee looking for ways to conserve and cut heating and cooling costs. Energy saving measures like weather stripping, window plastic and door sweeps were put in place at the Town Hall and Center School Offices. We hope that these small, inexpensive measures will result in cost savings for the year. We are also looking at various electricity suppliers to see if we can gain any savings in our electric bills.

The Selectmen's goals for 2007 are to continue the fight for additional state aid through the Chapter 70 formula. Last year's grass roots effort by citizens of the town made a difference to

changing the calculation of the formula and made it clear to the legislators that Whately is willing to fight for equality in the formula. You may be approached again this year to write a letter or make a phone call to your Representative or Senator. We encourage you to do so. In the meantime, we will try to keep the balance between budget demands and level of services so that our residents have the quality of life they expect in Whately.

The Selectmen are encouraging the acceptance of the Community Preservation Act. This act allows for a small surcharge of one to three percent that can be assessed on each parcel of taxable real estate in a community. CPA funds can be used to acquire and protect open space, preserve historic buildings, landscapes and records and create and maintain affordable housing. CPA funds are presently matched dollar to dollar by the state. Exemptions are also available under this program to lessen the impact to the taxpayer. You will be hearing more on CPA prior to Town Meeting.

Last year's vote on the debt exclusion for the Police Station was very close considering its position on the ballot with the override. We feel that this is a critical project for the town not only for the safety of the police officers but the safety of the general public as well. Many local towns are building new public safety facilities for over \$1 million dollars. We have the opportunity to renovate an existing underutilized building into an updated and efficient police station for about \$160,000. The Selectmen intend on putting this question back on the May ballot in 2007.

In closing, we would like to acknowledge and thank the devoted group of town employees who have stayed with the town through these difficult financial times despite no financial rewards. We would also like to thank the voters and taxpayers who offer us their support. The Board is also very appreciative of the town officials, board and committee members and volunteers who devote their time and energy to the Town of Whately.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan S. Edwards, Chair  
Board of Selectmen

## WHATELY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION REPORT

The Whately Agricultural Commission was officially formed in May 2006 with the Town voting to accept the Right To Farm By-Law at the annual Town Meeting. The purpose of the Commission is to promote the influence and awareness of Agriculture in the Town. This focus is influenced by the strong feelings about the value of Agriculture in the Town.

The Commission is reviewing potential initiatives that we can support that will influence our goals. We encourage input from all Whately citizens, farmers, land owners and interested persons. Any input from town residents will be appreciated.

The following Disclosure Notification (Section 4 of the Whately Right To Farm By-Law) is required to be published by the Town of Whately on an annual basis in the town report

### DISCLOSURE NOTIFICATION

"It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform landowners and occupants of the Town of Whately that the property they own or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Landowners and occupants are also informed that the location of their property may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations by existing right of ways or rental agreements already in place for such property under certain circumstances."

### Members of the Commission:

David Chamutka  
David Jackson  
Paul Maiewski  
Timothy Nourse  
William Obear

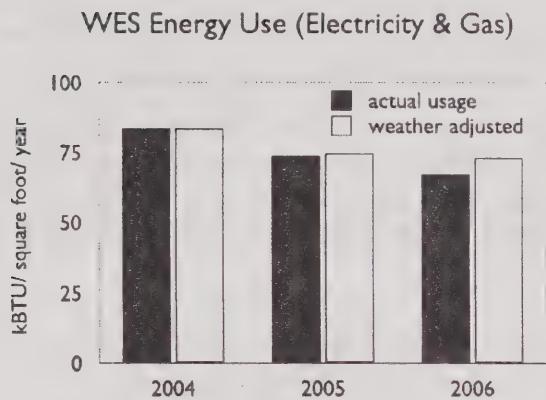
## Energy Committee

The Energy Committee completes its first year with some significant accomplishments, work well underway, many ideas considered, and much work to do.

### Accomplishments:

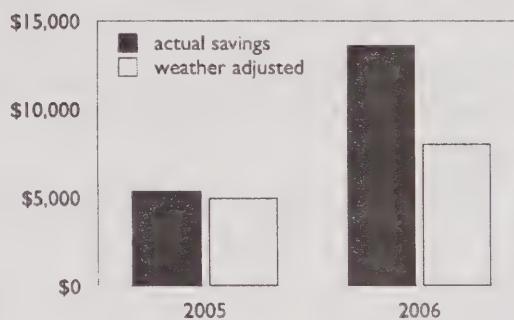
- School Energy Measures: In the two years since we began tracking our building's energy performance, we have reduced energy use at Whately Elementary School (WES) by 20 percent. That means we've spent a total \$19,000 less than we would have otherwise. According to the EPA Energy Star analysis of our building

performance, **two thirds of that energy savings (\$13,000)** is due to improvements in energy efficiency and operation while one third is due to milder weather. Even adjusting for year to year variations in the weather, all of the energy audits and improvements undertaken so far have paid for themselves in



their first year. Our elementary school is now the best performing building in the Union 38/Frontier Regional school district by a significant margin but we will continue to look for opportunities for further energy savings and improvements in efficiency when major systems come up for repair or replacement.

**Money Saved Each Year Since 2004 Through Energy Improvements at WES**



- Weather-stripping: Center School offices, including the police station, and the Town Hall offices were weather-stripped and the windows covered with clear plastic. Also, reflective material was placed behind most steam radiators to reflect more heat back into the room. We won't have an idea of the savings in dollars and cents until we get a full season of data, but people working in the spaces feel a definite improvement. As Police Chief Jim Sevigne said: "I don't feel that breeze anymore when I'm sitting at the computer!" Many thanks to Clint Labato for doing the work and to Keith Bardwell for lending him!
- Tabling at the Historical Society Fall Festival: We successfully sold out of all of the energy efficient fluorescent light bulbs we brought, plus distributed lots of information on energy efficiency tax credits, rebates, and subsidies.

## Plans and Ideas:

- Working with area Town Energy Committees on joint events such as film showings (perhaps “An Inconvenient Truth” or “The Death of the Electric Car”) and other educational presentations.
- Improving the energy information on the town website – there are many tax incentives and low interest loans now available for energy efficiency and renewable energy systems
- Encouraging Whately residents to sign up for green electricity and earn matching funds from our state Renewable Energy Trust (which we all pay into). These funds can be used to fund clean energy projects for the town – such as paying the needed match to WMECO’s lighting upgrade program. In addition, when at least 3% of households (or about 25 households in Whately) sign up for green electricity, then matching funds INCREASE by \$50 per household. This latter aspect of the program has a March 1 deadline, but we are hoping that it will be renewed again.
- Planning for three additional energy saving measures at the elementary school
- Looking at the feasibility of including solar electricity in the planned renovation of the Youth Center into a Police Station.
- A school program on saving energy to teach our children the basics as we enter the age of scarce fossil fuels

It's been an extremely full year and the Energy Committee has had far more on its plate than it has had “energy” to implement. So, we are always looking for additional assistance at any level. Residents who see an idea which piques their interest, or who have ideas not mentioned above, are more than welcome to get involved at whatever level you are able. Just call Lynn Sibley at 665-4400.

Respectfully Submitted, your Town Energy Committee: Jonathan Edwards, Nat Fortune, Lynn Sibley, Lynn DiTullio, and Melanie Chorak

## Open Space Committee Report

Through a grant facilitated by the Franklin County Council of Governments, Whately residents were provided an opportunity in 2006 to study and better understand the open space, natural resources that exist in town. The newly created Open Space Committee worked to capture the sweeping benefits of open space in Whately. From the shores of the Connecticut River on the town's eastern border and extending through the town center through to the western reaches of the Whately hills, the Open Space Committee worked to craft a plan of action to preserve our open space and "to provide a framework for the town's future decisions regarding land conservation and development."

Throughout the process that ultimately led to the creation of the Whately Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP), the committee worked to maintain the group consensus that the most valuable asset the town holds is its open space. As such, the committee and the eventual report defined open space as "agricultural, historical, recreational, natural and scenic resources and throughout the process felt obligated to create a strategy to maintain this resource while also understanding the need for strategic and well planned growth.

Through a survey distributed to all town residents the Open Space Committee reported the residents considered the following the most cherished of Whately's natural resources:

- Prime farmland;
- "Pick-your-own" farms;
- Massachusetts Audubon Graves Sanctuary;
- Nasami Farm;
- Connecticut and Mill Rivers;
- Great Swamp;
- Recreational facilities at the Whately Elementary School;
- Tot Lot at the Center School;
- Tri-Town Beach;
- Herlihy Park;
- Large blocks of contiguous forest;
- Abundant supplies of high-quality ground and surface waters;
- Wetlands; and
- Scenic and historic landscapes and corridors.

According to the OSRP summary, "the Five-Year Action Plan gives concrete substance to the goals and objectives that were developed from the results of the 2006 Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey and from community members' understanding of their town's significant yet vulnerable natural resource base. The 2006 Whately Open Space and Recreation Plan [prioritizes] actions with the following goals and objectives:

**Goal A: To preserve and enhance the special rural and agricultural landscape which makes the Town of Whately unique – the farms of East Whately; the ridges and forests of West Whately; the town's scenic roadways, historic landscapes and historic buildings and sites; and the town's village centers.**

### **Objectives:**

- A1. Appoint a standing Open Space Advisory Committee.

- A2. Prioritize areas in Whately that contain significant natural, agricultural, and cultural resources and/or opportunities for recreation so that town officials and residents can act in a timely manner to protect these areas when parcels of land are offered for sale, offered for donation to the town, or come out of the Chapter 61 program.
- A3. Encourage landowners interested in protecting their land from development to work with the Franklin Land Trust, Whately Land Preservation, state and federal conservation agencies, and/or with the Town of Whately.
- A4. Be responsive to the needs of farm and forest landowners and other agricultural businesses in town. Consider ways that the town might support the agricultural operations and businesses in Whately. Actively encourage agricultural protection and continued use of farms to sustain agriculture as a viable component of Whately's social and economic base.
- A5. Continue advocating for the adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA). Communities that adopt the CPA can impose a small property tax surcharge which sets aside funds to address local needs related to open space protection, affordable housing, and historic preservation. Local CPA funds are matched by the Commonwealth through the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund.
- A6. Explore revisions to Whately's zoning bylaw that would result in greater protection of valued natural, agricultural, scenic, and cultural resources and would help to ensure any land development provides benefits that reflect the town's natural resource conservation goals.
- A7. Support the efforts of the Whately Historical Commission to designate additional scenic roads and to establish additional historic districts in Town.
- A8. Raise public awareness about estate planning and taxes and the property tax implications of different types of development as compared to protected open space, farmland, and forested land.
- A9. Work to prevent and clean-up road-side dumping and littering.

**Goal B: To protect and, where necessary, enhance the quality of Whately's natural resources including: groundwater and surface water quality and quantity; wildlife habitat; wetlands; and contiguous blocks of forested land.**

#### **Objectives:**

- B1. Focus conservation efforts on areas that abut protected lands to create larger areas of contiguous farm and forested land.
- B2. Support ongoing efforts to protect the quality and quantity of the drinking water supplied by the Whately Water Department, the Whately Water District and individual private wells.
- B3. Protect the quality and quantity of the groundwater and surface waters in Whately.
- B4. Build a comprehensive biological inventory in Whately using community volunteers. Consider how to improve upon existing information provided by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program's BioMap and Living Waters map showing core habitat areas and supporting natural landscapes.
- B5. Support the training of local volunteers in vernal pool certification.

- B6. Support the efforts of the Whately Conservation Commission to protect the wetland resources in town.

**Goal C: To maintain and improve the quality and accessibility of Whately's recreational facilities and programming, especially those that connect people with the town's diverse natural environments and landscapes. Encourage the development of new facilities and programming where feasible.**

**Objectives:**

- C1. Identify the best prospects for future roadside biking, walking and jogging paths in town and work to develop those facilities. Avoid the creation of conflicting policies that result in the potential unauthorized or unwanted use of private lands.
- C2. Identify potential recreational access point(s) for the Connecticut River.
- C3. Collaborate with other entities that provide recreational facilities used by local residents. These include Massachusetts Audubon, private sporting clubs, private landowners, the Department of Fish and Game, Franklin Land Trust, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and other interested stakeholders. Good communication will help to ensure that these properties are managed in a way that suits the needs of all parties involved.
- C4. Promote existing and future recreational facilities and services by developing a guide to facilities, programs, and trail systems in town.
- C5. Re-evaluate recreational needs of residents of all ages and develop new programs and facilities as appropriate.
- C6. Explore opportunities for partnering with the open space committees of surrounding towns on land conservation projects that protect landscape-scale resources like contiguous forests, aquifers, core habitat areas, and trail systems.
- C7. Provide residents with information on the recreational resources in town and offer opportunities for the stewardship of these resources.

The OSRP has been submitted and conditionally approved by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs which allows the town to participate in DCS grant rounds. The Committee will have a final version of the OSRP ready in early 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Cris Coffin  
Jonathan Edwards  
Mary Shanley-Koeber  
Tom Litwin  
Terry Reynolds  
Kimberly Noake MacPhee – FRCOG  
Whately Open Space Committee

## Report of the Implementation Committee

The Whately Implementation Committee was formed in order to coordinate and implement many of the various recommendations made by previous committees and plans including the Community Development Plan of June 2004. That plan updated the 1994 Whately Master Plan and reaffirmed many of the Master Plan's goals and recommendations. The issues addressed relate to natural and agricultural resources, housing, economic development and transportation. There have also been committees and plans concerning recreation and open space.

The idea for creating an Implementation Committee was formed as a result of discussion about land use at a public meeting in October 2005. The primary question of the night was how Whately can control its growth for the good of the whole community. The committee had its first meeting in February of last year and another later in the fall. The primary focus to date for the committee has been developing a plan of how to deal with the many issues and recommendations contained in the previous plans. The committee has chosen to focus on the Community Preservation Act (CPA) and cluster development a part of the "smart growth" initiative. Consideration has also been given to evaluating possible transportation initiatives such as some form of ride sharing for residents commuting to similar locations.

The committee welcomes any and all input from residents, especially those willing to become committee members and help Whately protect and build on the quality of life we all enjoy by virtue of being part of this community.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Newlin  
Becky Jones  
Robert Bourke  
Kay Klippe  
Lynn Sibley

Whately Cable Committee Report  
Joyce Palmer Fortune

We've come a long way in the last year since our first broadcast of town meeting '06 !

In the last year we've had some accomplishments:

- 1) Broadcasted nearly all Town meetings, Selectboard meetings, School Committee Meetings, and Finance committee meetings.
- 2) Though we started with a single borrowed camera and borrowed cables with no microphones, we were able to invest in better sound and video equipment and made a lot of improvements to the video and sound quality. The main improvements are:

- We use a video switcher with 2 cameras now, so we can show two camera images on the screen at once (picture-in-picture), which reduces both the amount of panning across the room and the amount of motion sickness the audience experiences!
- We have a set of microphones and an audio mixer too, though we are still getting the hang of adjusting the volume so that it's at a steady level.
- We have 2 wireless mics that we can use for audience questions at town meeting
- We have a "scan Converter" so that we can show Paul Antaya's powerpoint slides at town meeting directly, as if the slide projector were a 3<sup>rd</sup> camera.
- We record all broadcasts digitally, so that they can be replayed easily on the new computer
- New (donated) computer uses Powerpoint to do our cable announcements.
- Music by Signature Sounds accompanies the announcements.

We have 3 steady volunteers (Marianne Simon, Steve Calderone and myself) who operate cameras and update the cable announcements. We would LOVE to have more people to help, so if you and/or your middle/high school child would be interested in helping out with updating or operating cameras, please let us know.

3) The equipment is available to be used for producing programs for our access channel. Already some members of the historical society are learning to use the equipment to make digital recordings of some of the older residents of the town who have given talks about life over the years in Whately. Our only limit is the number of people who are interested in learning how to make a digital video, and are willing to do it! If you have an idea for a show or program that you would like to work on, please let us know and we'll help you in any way we can.

Photos on the back (Clockwise from the top left) 1) Mobile broadcast unit, including audio mixer, and video switch, showing a SB meeting during broadcast from Center School. 2) One of 2 cameras on a tall tripod used in broadcasts. 3) Microphones arrayed on the Selectman's table. (Speak UP!)

PLANNING BOARD REPORT 2006  
AQUIFER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The Planning Board started the year with public hearings for several common driveways, an application for a special permit for side lot access and several ANR's. A lot of time was spent on drafting and adding an amendment to the Whately Zoning Bylaws for Amateur Radio Facilities. The purpose to establish standards and procedures for the permitting of facilities consistent with these goals: 1- to reasonably accommodate the construction and operation of amateur radio facilities in accordance with federal law and M.G.L.C.40A-. 2- to minimize impacts amateur radio towers may cause. The final draft was presented to Town Meeting April of 2006 and accepted by the town.

Another important zoning regulation is the Aquifer Protection Overlay District. These regulations provide protection for Whately's public drinking water. The committee members are: Water Dept. Paul Fleuriel, George Bucala, Georgeann Dufault, Bill Smith, Planning Board Anita Husted and Nicholas Jones, Board of Health Fran Fortino, Selectman Jonathan Edwards, citizens, Tom Litwin, George Reynolds, Donald Sluter. With the help of the FRCG regional council of governments Kimberly Noake MacPhee worked with the committee to draft the bylaw. It was presented at Town Meeting 2006 and accepted. The committee is still active and has met numerous times revising and adding to the existing bylaw and hopes to have a final draft for Town Meeting 2007. Protecting the town water supply will continue to be an on going project.

A new business was added to the Industrial Park. Klinger Engineering, Inc. The company modifies and fabricates racing shells. A nice addition to the Park.

The New England Wildflower Society, Nasami Farm on North Street, applied for site plan approval. The proposed project is for expansion of the retail sales of native plant species and native plant educational center. Additional facility improvements proposed are the development of parking facility, additional greenhouses, cold frames and growing pads, repair work to the tobacco barn foundation, potable drinking water supply well, drainage and storm water improvements, sewage disposal system and garage floor drain holding tank. A public hearing was held and residents near the site registered their concerns. The applicant and the board discussed all concerns, and feels that the applicant will address the concerns expressed at the public hearing. Site Plan Approval was granted.

The Board continues to work on keeping up to date providing zoning regulations to help protect the town and the citizens.

Anita Husted





## **Report of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee 2006**

Established in 1995, the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) is responsible for long range planning for capital projects ensuring adequate funding on an ongoing basis. The CIPC studies the need for proposed capital projects and improvements and makes recommendations on the priority of each proposed item. The CIPC also considers the relative impact, timing and cost of these expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position of the town.

A five year plan has been developed by the Committee and is updated each year based on changing needs of town departments. Last year the town was only able to fund the Frontier Central Office Renovations at a cost of \$9,204. The town was also able to pay the third year of a five year lease on the loader for the highway department through Chapter 90 funds. This is not an ideal situation because it then limits the amount of Chapter 90 available for road work.

Early in 2007, the Capital Planning Committee met to make its recommendations for FY08. Although money is still tight some of these projects can no longer be put off. The Committee recommended the following items be funded based on a priority schedule. Number 1 is top priority and number 6 is the lowest priority. The Finance Committee can then make the decision on what items the town can afford to fund.

1. Frontier District Office renovations - \$8,892 (The town will be committed to this project because the other towns will fund their share of this project.)
2. Fourth year of Loader Lease - \$24,000 – The town is committed to this lease.
3. Control Alarms for the Water pump station - \$12,500
4. Recycle Bins - \$5,160 repairs
5. 1 Ton Dump Truck – \$17,800. Depending on the information from Keith Bardwell and the amount of money available, it may make more sense to purchase outright rather than lease. This is ultimately a decision of the Finance Committee
6. Garage Doors - \$5,000. The Capital Planning Committee feels this is an important project, but if money is available elsewhere (i.e. leftover Winter Roads) it may make more sense to fund them through another source other than the Capital Plan.

It is still early in the budgeting process for FY08. If there are substantial changes as the budget becomes clearer we will submit an updated report in the insert portion of the Annual Town Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Kennedy, Chair  
Bruce Cleare  
Jonathan Edwards  
Sandra Saunders  
Cris Coffin  
Bruce Tutun  
***Capital Improvement Planning Committee***

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

With all the rain during the summer and fall the grass did grow! There was no drought so we mowed continuously.

All was well until a wind storm blew down the large spruce next to the tomb at the west end of the Center Cemetery. We were lucky that a large monument took the brunt of the fallen tree. There were some broken stones, but it could have been much worse.

The town tree warden came in with some of the town equipment and the highway department cut, chopped, and took away the waste to the town yard compost pile. A large excavator was needed to lift the tree to allow it to be cut up. When all was done, loam filled in the ruts and seed was sown. Thanks to the town for a job well done.

To prevent damage to stones most of the trees have been cut down.

Sale of new lots continues. Money collected for the perpetual care fund grows.

We hope 2007 will be a better year.

Cemetery Commissioners  
Adelia A. Bardwell  
Fred W. Bardwell  
Peter D. Hannum

Burials:  
East 1  
Center 7

## 2006 Conservation Commission Annual Report

The Conservation Commission is charged with implementing the state's Wetlands Protection Act using regulations written by the MA Department of Environmental Protection.

Over the course of the past year the Commission considered and issued nine Determinations of Applicability (determinations as to whether or not a wetlands permit is required), three Orders of Conditions (wetland permits), and three Emergency Certificates (authorizations to act immediately to address a threat to health and safety). The Commission also addressed numerous questions from residents about the wetland regulations and the permitting process. Commissioner Terry Reynolds served as the Commission's representative on the Whately Open Space Planning Committee.

Scott Jackson, Chair  
Terry Reynolds  
Pat Devine  
Andrew Ostrowski  
George Owens

2006 REPORT  
Council on Aging  
Frontier Senior Center Report

508 Seniors use our center.

3,109 Congregate meals served to 83 people.

8,288 Home delivered meals served to 59 people.

360 total Served thru our 360 Flu and 15 Pneumonia clinic

69 Volunteers help keep our center running.

Lunch is served at noon every weekday. Cards are played daily. Bingo every Friday. We have exercise classes Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tai Chi every Wednesday. Blood pressure and blood sugar clinic last Friday of the month. Cholesterol screening 4 times per year. Dr. Sandberg has a monthly foot clinic. Brown bag pick-up is the third Wednesday of every month. We took 5 one-day bus trips. All are taken with Hatfield seniors as this helps the bus expenses.

Income tax help was available to all seniors, with 5 dates this year, 24 people used this service.

With \$2,500.00 from Deerfield, \$1,250.00 from Sunderland and \$1,250.00 from Whatley, we are able to keep a much-needed social worker. Lauren Corbett has enriched many seniors with this service.

Our Tri Town Triad program has helped many seniors this year with house numbers. We have our annual spaghetti supper. \$400.00 in Big Y gift certificates was given for the holidays.

Our Center helped one family this Christmas. We also supported Mary Andres who is a child from the Philippines through children International.

Our Center Director is on duty at least five hours a day. The Director's job is to keep programs going, send weekly information to the newspapers, keeping supplies in stock, handling any problems that arise promptly. The Director also sets up various clinics, speakers, as well as, doing necessary paperwork and grant writing.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Shirley Pielock*

Shirley Pielock, Director

## Whately Cultural Council – 2006 Annual Report

The Whately Cultural Council met on October 30, 2006 at Town Hall.

All members were present: Ramsay Klaff (Chair), Katie Ross (Co-Chair), Nathaniel Fortune (Corresponding Secretary), George Colt (Recording Secretary), Marianne Simon (Treasurer), Tom Leamon, Shirley Pielock, Julie Sanderson, and Frances Symanski.

Whately received from the Commonwealth an allocation of \$4000 to dispense for use in 2007. We also had \$110.75 left over from 2006, making an available total of \$4110.75. The Council voted unanimously to retain \$100 for mailing expenses.

The deadline for applications for grants was October 16, 2006. We received 22 applications requesting a total of \$9671.

The following distribution of funds, totalling \$4010, was unanimously agreed upon:

- 1) Frontier Senior Center \$200
- 2) Whately Library \$500
- 3) Frontier Regional High School \$650
- 4) Friends of Whately Library \$300
- 5) Whately Scoop \$210
- 6) Old Deerfield (Children's Programs) \$400
- 7) Arcadia Players \$200
- 8) Whately Historical Society (Harvest Fair) \$300
- 9) Whately Historical Society (Memorial Day) \$450
- 10) Amherst Community Arts (Kindergarten Arts Program in Frontier Regional Elementary Schools) \$800

Respectfully Submitted,

Ramsay L. Klaff, Chair

## TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF WHATELY

During Smith Charities fiscal year, February 1, 2006 – January 31, 2007, the following applicants from Whately were paid as beneficiaries under the Oliver Smith Will:

3 widows received gifts totaling	\$1,100.00
1 tradesperson received a gift of \$600 plus an additional distribution of \$700 totaling	\$1,300.00

James H. LaSalle, Jr. Elector  
Under the Oliver Smith Will

During the past year thirty-one tradespersons were enrolled. Loans of \$600 each were made to twelve apprentices; the notes of sixteen tradespersons have been surrendered and the benefit of \$600 granted to each. Six student nurses have enrolled under the Nurses' Program; three nurses who earned their degree have received the nurse's gift of \$600. Sixteen tradespersons and two nurses received an additional distribution of \$700 each. Forty-four widows have been paid a total of \$15,341.00 and three brides have received the marriage gift of \$100 each. The total sum disbursed as gifts to beneficiaries was \$51,457 which includes \$11,816 that was paid to the City of Northampton for the account of Smith's Agricultural School, being the net income from the permanent fund established for the school. Additionally, \$17,877 was placed in the Reserved for Beneficiaries account.

Since provision of the Will went into effect, the beneficiaries of the nine communities have been paid:

*Tradespersons	\$2,817,600.
**Nurses	787,733.
Widows	1,678,404.
***Brides	1,489,100.
Smith's Agricultural School	1,444,422.
Annuities	35,374.
Taxes	613,717.
Total Payments	<u>\$8,866,350.</u>

\*Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Boys

\*\*Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Female Children

\*\*\*Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Young Women

Mortgage payments have been made promptly and outstanding loans are up to date.

Trustees  
John E. Devine, Jr.  
James H. LaSalle, Jr.  
Lydia Szych

## **Report of the Personnel Committee**

The Personnel Committee annually makes recommendations to the Selectmen and Finance Committee on the salaries and wages for all paid town positions. Salaries are reviewed each year and a survey of pay rates in similar size towns is conducted to ensure that Whately's salaries are competitive in the municipal sector.

The Personnel Committee met on February 6, 2007 to discuss the coming year's salaries. Last year, due to the tough financial situation, no Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) or salary adjustments were made to any position. This year, the Personnel Committee worked to rectify that situation. The survey with other towns indicated that Whately was falling farther behind the salaries of other towns of similar size. They recommended a number of salary adjustments. These included 3% raises to the Operator/Laborer positions on the Highway Department, 2% raises to the Highway Superintendent and Full-Time Police Officer. Further, the Selectmen had previously negotiated a 6% increase in the Police Chief's salary if finances allowed. The Personnel Committee approved this adjustment as well. On top of these salary adjustments, a 3% COLA raise was recommended.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee have reviewed these recommendations and have given their tentative approval pending state aid figures. The total impact of the adjustments and COLA is \$19,890. The tentative recommendations for town salaries in FY08 are:

### **FY08 Salary & Wage Recommendations**

There were no COLA increases in 2007

<b>Position</b>	<b>FY 06 rate(3% COLA)</b>	<b>FY08 Adjustments</b>	<b>FY08 rate (3% COLA)</b>	<b>hour or annual</b>
<b><u>Elected Officials</u></b>				
Selectmen - Chair	1,525.00		1,570.75	annual
Members	1,400.00		1,442.00	annual
Assessors - Chair	1,525.00		1,570.75	annual
Members	1,400.00		1,442.00	annual
Board of Health - Chair	725.00		746.75	annual
Members	600.00		618.00	annual
School Committee - Members	300.00		309.00	annual
Water Commissioners - Members	600.00		618.00	annual
Moderator	100.00		103.00	annual
Elector Oliver Smith Will	10.00		10.00	annual
Cemetery Commissioners as Sextons	10.28		10.59	hour
Constables	11.34		11.68	hour
Opening Graves Fees	500.00		500.00	per opening

## Primary Positions

### Elected Officials:

Town Clerk	13,709.00	14,120.27	annual
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### Administrative

Town Administrator	34,000.00	35,020.00	annual
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Municipal Secretary	14.71	15.15	hour
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Treasurer/Collector	18.54	19.10	hour
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### Highway:

Superintendent	46,085.54	922.00	48,417.77	annual
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Foreman Oper/Lab; Regular	16.52	0.50	17.53	hour
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Foreman Oper/Lab; Overtime	24.78	1.52	27.09	hour
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Oper/Laborer; 3yrs+; Regular	14.78	0.90	16.15	
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Overtime	22.17	1.34	24.22	
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Operator/Laborer; 1-3 yrs.; Regular	14.26	0.87	15.58	hour
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Overtime	21.39	1.30	23.37	hour
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### Library:

Librarian	16,000.00	16,480.00	annual
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### Water:

Superintendent	19,814.58	20,409.02	annual
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### Assessors:

Assistant Assessor	15.92	16.39	hour
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### Police:

Chief	44,341.50	2,661.00	48,412.58	annual
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Officer - Full-time	33,702.16	674.04	35,407.49	annual
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## Secondary Positions

Appointed Employees	FY 06 rate(3% COLA)	FY08 Adjustments	FY08 rate (3% COLA)	hour or annual
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### Highway:

Part-time Operator	11.97	12.33	hour
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Part-time Laborer	10.47	10.78	hour
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Transfer Station Attendant	11.98	12.34	hour
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### Police:

Part-time Officers	12.36	12.73	hour
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### Animal Control:

Animal Control Officer	1,774.67	1,827.91	annual
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Animal Inspector	313.90	323.31	annual
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### Fire:

Chief	4,569.78	4,706.88	annual
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Firefighter	11.42	11.77	hour
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EMT Director	3,084.60	3,177.14	annual
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EMT	11.42	11.77	hour
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<b><u>Library:</u></b>			
Assistant Librarian	9.00	9.27	hour
Custodian	11.66	12.01	hour
<b><u>Registrars:</u></b>			
Members	90.95	93.68	annual
Clerk	125.34	129.10	annual
<b><u>Election Workers:</u></b>	7.71	7.94	hour
<b><u>Office Staff:</u></b>			
Planning Board Sec	11.15	11.48	hour
ZBA Sec.	11.15	11.48	hour
Payroll Clerk	14.85	15.30	hour
Clerical for Selectmen's Office	11.15	11.48	hour
Calendar maintenance	342.73	353.02	annual

The Personnel Committee is made up of two representatives appointed by the Moderator, and one representative from the Board of Selectmen, one from the Finance Committee and one employee elected by the employees. The Town Administrator serves as a non-voting member. The Personnel Committee feels it has balanced the needs of the employees with the financial resources of the town to make a responsible Fiscal Year 2008 salary and wage recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Barschenski, Chair, moderator appointment  
 Janet Korytoski, Moderator appointment  
 Jane Grybko, Finance Committee representative  
 Jonathan S. Edwards, Selectmen representative  
 Keith Bardwell, Employee representative  
 Lynn Sibley, Town Administrator

## **The Annual Report of The Recreation Commission 2006**

The Recreation Commission is enjoying a great group of young athletes who are participating in our soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball programs. We play many home and away games and the children love to hear people cheer them on.

We anticipate making changes to our youth baseball field in the spring. We are in desperate need of new fencing, as this has become a safety issue. We hope to get volunteers and donations to help complete the fieldwork and make it a better facility.

Last summer in cooperation with the fire department, we saw the return of the Whately muster! What a great time, watching our firefighters compete against other towns with their fire gear! The Recreation Commission sold refreshments and provided a bounce house. This was done instead of a Block Party and we had a better than ever turnout. We would definitely like this family-oriented event to continue in the future!

We still continue to host men's and co-ed baseball teams from May until September. These are great games. If you are interested in a schedule, contact the Recreation Commission.

We thank the Whately townspeople for supporting Whately recreation by voting in support of the override last year. Also, thanks to the many volunteers who lend their support through coaching, refereeing, and volunteering in many capacities. We look forward to another year of youth and adult programs.

Remember to support our Whately youth and adult sports!!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole Ciesluk, Bob Englehardt, Roland Kinsman, Chris Kellogg, Chip DeForest, James Sevigne, and Barbara Hancock



## 2006 AMBULANCE REPORT

On behalf of the men and women of the Whately Ambulance, I hereby submit the 2006 report. This past year has seen a slight decrease in the number of calls of EMS. Total number of calls for 2006 was 135, which is down by two calls from 2005. The Whately Ambulance operates at the Intermediate Level and has on its staff three paramedic level and three intermediate level EMTs.

The members of the Whately Ambulance service deserve a great deal of thanks for the service they provide for the members of our town and also visitors to the town. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Gary Stone, John Hannum and Georgeann Dufault who are in the town most of the day and respond to most of the calls during the work day hours.

The 135 calls were broken down into the following categories:

Refused Treatment/Transportation	37
Motor Vehicle Accident	21
Various Medical Emergencies	19
Chest Pain/Cardiac Arrest	10
Assorted Body Parts Pain	10
General Weakness	8
Abdominal Pain	7
Kidney Stones	7
Falls	6
Difficulty Breathing/Asthma	6
Dizziness/Syncope	5
Diabetic Emergencies	4

The following is a list of Whately EMTs who responded to at least one Medical Emergency during 2006.

Robert Englehardt	J.P. Kennedy
Gary Stone	Wendy Bardwell
John Hannum	Brenda Clemons
Mary Baronas	Jayson Clemons
Jason Dorval	Matt Marchand
Ken Handfield	John Dubois
James Bernier	Georgeann Dufault
Greg Gagnon	John Talmage

The Whately Ambulance is actively recruiting any persons 18 years or older, interested in becoming an EMT. We are particularly interested in individuals who are or can be available during the day as most of our staff work out of town. If this is something that may interest you please contact Robert Englehardt at [Bullets3@comcast.net](mailto:Bullets3@comcast.net) for more information.

Any billing questions should be directed to Lynn Sibley at the town offices, 665-0054 during normal business hours. All other questions can be forwarded to the ambulance director at 665-2230.

**In case of an emergency, CALL 911 and clearly state the nature of your call as well as your address. Once again, we cannot stress it enough that your house number be displayed and visible from the street. In an emergency seconds lost trying to find a house could mean the difference between life and death.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Englehardt, Ambulance Director

# WHATELY FIRE DEPARTMENT

63 Christian Lane

P.O. Box 516

Whately, MA 01093



John S. Hannum, Chief

413-665-2230

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2006

I am pleased to report the activities of the Fire Department to the citizens of Whately. It is a pleasure and a great opportunity to serve this great community. The Department continues to respond to any type of emergency on a first responder basis. I would like to first thank the officers and members of the Department for their continued dedication, support and expertise while operating and representing the Whately Fire Dept. Many of the following personnel are also trained as Emergency Medical Technicians at some level which deserve special thanks for their exemplary devotion to the Town of Whately.

DC Keith Bardwell

\*Jason Clemons

\*Jason Dorval

Randy Sibley

\*James Bernier

\*Greg Gagnon

John LaSalle

\*John Talmage

\*Brenda Clemons

\*Ken Handfield

\*DC Gary Stone

William Gagnon

Jeffrey LaValley

Peter Hannum

John Hannum III

Scott Hutkoski

Brad Sanderson

Charlie Tenanas

Debra Hannum

\*Georgeann Dufault

Capt. Wayne Hutkoski

Joshua Clemons

Christopher Sibley

\*Matt Marchand

Donald Dufault

\*John P. Kennedy

William Smith

\*Mary Baronas

\*John DuBois

• \*Indicates Emergency Medical Technician

In 2006 the Fire Dept responded to numerous types of emergencies for assistance for a total of 89. Of those 39% were motor vehicle accidents. The residents of the Town of Whately should be proud of the men and women who dedicate their time, energy and resources to better the services of Whately Fire Dept. It is interesting to note that 16% of those calls were to Interstate 91 for motor vehicle accidents, plus another 13% were Rt. 5.

In October the Department responded to a special event in force which makes each and every member proud to belong. The tragic traumatic off duty accident which claimed the life of fellow firefighter Craig Steven Nye will not soon be forgotten. He was a great asset to the Department as well as a true friend. Craig, we will never forget.

On December 13 the Whately Fire Dept along with Tri State Fire Mutual Aid upgraded our communications system from a low band to a high band radio frequency. This new system has numerous capabilities and should improve communications among firefighters and the dispatchers to create a safer working environment. This system was financed for the most part by state grants.

The Whately Firefighters Association continues to support the officers and members of the Department in numerous ways for which they deserve special thanks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank anyone who has helped the Fire Dept or its members in any way. The Whately Fire Dept is always looking for interested citizens that would like to become involved with any aspect of the department. Emergency Medical Technicians and Firefighters alike should contact me or any department officer for assistance and direction.

I would like to remind everyone to report a fire or emergency to dial 911, please be clear and concise with your message, and answer the questions the dispatcher asks. For any other Fire Dept related calls the Dispatch Center business number is 625-8200.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief John S. Hannum  
Whately Fire Dept

## Whately Police Department Annual Report

In 2006 the Police Department responded to 1,320 calls. A number of people have asked what kind of calls we respond to. The "Activity Report" that is presented along with this summary, is a breakdown of calls involving victim crimes or calls in which residents have requested information in the past. There is also statistics for the number of motor vehicle violations as opposed to the actual number of motor vehicle stops, which is a number that is not documented. What are not on the "Activity Report" are the miscellaneous calls. Some examples of these calls are; disabled motor vehicles, service of summons, traffic complaints, fallen trees or other road hazards, lost or recovered items, check the welfare, officer initiated investigations, and house checks. We have been doing house checks for a number of years upon request of residents who leave town on vacation. In 2006, house checks were performed on 27 different residences. We will conduct these checks for anyone who requests it. The officers also conduct building checks on businesses and town buildings every shift to ensure their security. As always we welcome any questions or concerns that anyone may have about the Police Department.

In addition to answering calls and performing our proactive duties, we continue to offer other services as well. Child safety seat inspections are very important. Any parent with children under 12 years of age should contact us so we can be sure that your child is safe as possible while in a motor vehicle, and remember everyone in your vehicle must use a seatbelt. Another service we continue to offer is RAD programs for women and children to teach safety and empowerment. Please contact us to learn more about these and other programs.

I would like to thank all of the residents who came out and voted on the renovation plan for the police station. Even though it didn't pass (by only 50 votes) it is great to see the townspeople show interest in plans for the town's future. Hopefully, you will have the opportunity again to make a decision on the plan in 2007. If you have any questions about this plan please feel free to contact me.

As always I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all the police officers that serve this community. Keep up the good work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief James A. Sevigne Jr.

**Whately Police Department**  
**Activity Report 2004, 2005, 2006**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Abduction	0	0	0
Abuse Prevention Orders	5	3	4
Accident – Motor Vehicle	75	59	56
Alcohol/Drug Violation	15	22	19
Animal Complaints	32	17	23
Arrests (Including Motor Vehicle)	44	60	43
Assault & Battery	8	10	17
False 911 calls	-	-	40
Assist Ambulance	56	36	53
Assist Fire Department	31	32	28
Breaking & Entering	11	7	11
Disturbance	11	8	9
Domestic Problem	7	10	11
Harassment	11	7	9
Homicide (Motor Vehicle)	0	0	0
Indecent Exposure	1	0	0
Intrusion Alarm	36	58	49
Larceny	18	17	19
Property damage/vandalism	15	7	10
Missing Person	4	4	2
Motor Vehicle Charges	832	1000	934
Of those the following were issued			
Civil Fines Issued	566	635	636
Written Warnings Issued	266	365	298
Verbal Warnings (not documented)			
Protective Custody	1	1	3
Robbery	1	0	2
Suspicious Activity	5	6	4
Suspicious Person	6	7	11
Suspicious Vehicle	35	24	33
Trespass	5	8	6
Unattended Death	1	2	4
Unwanted Person	4	4	7

## **2006 Report of the Emergency Management Director**

Emergency preparedness continues to be a priority of local and regional officials. The Department of Public Health is becoming very involved in emergency preparedness due to possible pandemics. They are requiring Boards of Health to create emergency dispensing plans in order to handle large scale disease outbreaks such as influenza pandemics. Frontier Regional is considered our emergency dispensing site. The Boards of Health and other emergency personnel from each of the four towns joined together to write an emergency dispensing plan over the last year and that plan was practiced at a flu clinic held at Frontier on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Although we did not meet our goal of vaccinating 500 people with flu vaccine we did have 255 people receive the flu shot, 44 the pneumonia vaccine and 25 tetanus injections were given. We hope to conduct a similar clinic next year.

Whately is also an active participant in the Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committee which received full certification this year. A report on the REPC is included elsewhere in this town report.

In last year's report I described the new regional radio communication network which would allow better communication with fewer "dead spots". This is a 450 MHz high band system which eventually will allow interoperability with all disciplines such as fire, police, ambulance, emergency management, Department of Public Works and health agencies. This system is now up and running for the fire, police and ambulance. The next phase of the project is expected to include emergency management, Department of Public Works and health agencies. Grants were used to purchase all the vehicle radios, portable radios and base stations so we did not need to come before the town for funding.

The goals for Emergency Management in 2007 are:

1. Continue training for all emergency responders in Incident Command. Each year the town is required to meet additional training requirements in order to continue to get grant money through Homeland Security. The National Incident Management System and Incident Command are the methods that all local, state and federal officials will be using to manage both large and small incidents.
2. Keep our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan up to date.
3. Work with the towns of Deerfield, Sunderland and Conway to fine tune the regional emergency dispensing plan.
4. Work with the town's emergency preparedness group to create a Whately specific emergency dispensing plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Sibley  
Emergency Management Director

## **Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) 2006 Report to Our Member Communities**

The Franklin County LEPC was formed to enhance cooperative regional emergency planning, and address the Federal SARA Title III requirement that all communities have active Local Emergency Planning Committees, procedures to deal with hazardous materials emergencies, meet right-to-know requirements, and encourage community awareness. With the leadership and administrative support of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) all 26 Franklin County towns opted into a regional effort beginning in the year 2000.

Early on the Committee elected an “all hazards” approach to emergency planning which not only addresses our responsibility for aiding towns in planning for “haz mat” emergencies but also other natural, technological, and man-made events that call for a similar inter-town, inter-disciplinary response.

We are pleased to report that during 2006 the new *Regional* Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) has become a fully certified REPC. In order to achieve this status the Committee needed to compile a Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan, conduct regular meetings, provide training and exercises, and complete other certification criteria as required by the State Emergency Response Commission. We are the largest of the 17 REPCs in the Commonwealth.

Your REPC membership currently\* consists of the following individuals who represent fourteen disciplines:

Fire Service: Walter Tibbits (Franklin County Fire Chiefs)  
Law Enforcement: Gary Sibilia (Franklin County Police Chiefs)  
Emergency Medical Services: Dave Hansen (Franklin County EMS)  
Board of Health: Dave Chichester/Gina McNeeley (Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition)  
Hospitals: Fred Callahan (Franklin Medical Center)  
Transportation: Tina Cote (Franklin Regional Transit Authority)  
Media: George Claxton (The Recorder)  
Emergency Management: John Bartus (Town of Orange)  
Public Works: Open  
Community Groups: Dawn Josefski (Franklin County CERT Team)  
Environmental: John Bourcier (MA Department of Environmental Protection)  
Elected Officials: Mark Gilmore (Town of Deerfield)  
Industry: Jim Field (University of Massachusetts)  
Schools: New Position

In addition each of the member communities has designated an Emergency Response Coordinator who is the contact between the REPC and their town:

Ashfield: Doug Field  
Bernardston: Peter Shedd  
Buckland: Milton Rock III  
Charlemont: Charles Bellows  
Colrain: Larry Dumas  
Conway: Jeff McFarland  
Deerfield: Mark Gilmore  
Erving: Mitchell LeClaire  
Gill: Jason Edson  
Greenfield: Michael Winn  
Hawley: Greg Cox

Heath: Tim Lively  
Leverett: Jim Field  
Leyden: Gilda Galvis  
Monroe: David Nash  
Montague: Bob Escott  
New Salem: Thomas Reidy  
Northfield: Gary Sibilia  
Orange: Dennis Annear  
Rowe: Edwin May  
Shelburne: Angus Dun III  
Shutesbury: Walter Tibbits

Sunderland: Robert Ahearn  
Warwick: Donald Matthews

Wendell: Everett Ricketts  
Whately: Lynn Sibley

Special representatives include: Bill Allen representing the Franklin County Planning Board and Raymond Godin the Chair of the Western Region Homeland Security Council.

During 2006 your REPC worked on the following activities:

- Obtained grant funding for and conducted four (4) hazardous materials table-top exercises in Sunderland, Charlemont, Erving, and Northfield.
- Conducted training classes for responders on the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System in Gill, Erving, Hawley, Leverett, Orange, and Shelburne.
- Completed the first Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan and an Action Guide that were accepted by the 26 member Towns and the Commonwealth's State Emergency Response Commission.
- Conducted four quarterly board meetings of the full LEPC.
- Aided in the development of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) programs in the county.
- Worked with the FRCOG staff in providing training on statewide Pictometry imaging software and the regional emergency resource database.
- Worked in cooperation with the FRCOG and FCSWMD on developing a disaster Debris Management plan and obtaining additional grant funding for this effort.
- Collected and recorded Tier II Hazardous Materials data from 57 sites in Franklin County.
- Sent representation to meetings of the Franklin County emergency radio oversight committee.
- Contributed to the Western Region Homeland Security Council plan development and implementation.

Thank you to all who contributed to this effort, including the support of Ben Wood, Michael Pattavina, Lisa White and everyone at the FRCOG.

John Taylor (Shelburne), Chair  
Mark Gilmore (Deerfield), Vice Chair  
Lynn Sibley (Whately), Secretary  
Patricia Auchard (Greenfield), Treasurer  
John Bartus (Orange), Exec Comm  
Jim Field (Leverett), Exec Comm

\* Membership shown is as of 12/31/2006

## **2006 Annual Report of the Animal Control Officer**

This year animal control received 122 calls. Again, the majority of the calls were for loose or stray dogs. Please follow the state leash law and keep your dog under control at all times. It's also very important to attach your dog's tags to its collar. It helps me to locate the owner and return your dog much sooner.

Animal Control calls for 2006 were:

Loose or stray dogs	44
Lost dog	2
Dog attacked	2
Dog shot	1
Dog bites	2
Dog hit by car	6
Dogs kenneled	6
Stray cat	1
Animal cruelty	14
Loose cattle	12
Loose horse	5
Crowing rooster	6
Stolen peacock	1
Bear	3
Sick raccoon	1
Sick skunk	3
Coyote	5
Sick porcupine	2
Injured bird	1
Assist police	5

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Adamcek  
Animal Control Officer

## **2006 Annual Report of the Animal Inspector**

The Animal Inspector issued 5 quarantines this year; one for a dog bitten by a raccoon, two for dog bite to humans, and two for cats with wounds of unknown origin. Barn inspections were made and the results are:

Dairy cattle	135
Beef cattle	121
Oxen	7
Goats	34
Sheep	6
Swine	7
Llamas/alpacas	28
Horses/ponies	36
Chickens	379
Turkeys	9
Water fowl	3
Rabbits	26
Pea fowl	4

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Adamcek  
Animal Inspector

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This year was the first year in awhile that we ended the winter with a surplus in the Winter Roads account. In the spring the drainage project on River Road at Straits Road intersection was completed. The next project was improving drainage, site distance and road conditions on Long Plain Road between Pine Street and the Industrial Park. We were able to do the survey and design in house. Drainage work began in July and the project was completed by fall.

Funding continues to be an issue with the department. The state issues us what is called Chapter 90 money which is designed to help the town maintain the roads. The problem is that the cost of materials continues to increase faster than the increase in money. With virtually all of the materials petroleum based or require fuel to transport the past few years have resulted in unprecedented increases.

We were fortunate to receive storm damage money from the state for the storm on July 18, 2005 that brought five inches of rain. Many culverts and catch basins were damaged as where sections of road. With this money we will be able to replace the culverts and catch basins that still need to be replaced.

I'm hoping that the town will be in better financial shape so that we will be able to purchase the one ton dump truck that was approved previously. The current pickup is over 12 years old and continues to require major repairs.

As always if anyone has any questions or comments I can be reached at 665-2983.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Keith Bardwell  
Highway Superintendent

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The trend continues as far as losing trees in Whately. We continue to cut dead or diseased trees while we are not able to purchase any to replace the ones removed. Some sections of town like River Road had many Maples that were planted in the 1950's and every year on the average 6-10 are cut down. If we don't start replacing them the street will be baron of trees along the road side before long.

Presently the budget only provides enough money to keep up with the removal of the trees and does not allow us to purchase any new ones.

This year we began selling excess wood that is seasoned, cut and split. It is my hope to ask the town that the income from the sale of wood go toward purchasing new trees. We have a limited amount of wood available. If anyone is interested let me know.

As is always the case if you have any concern regarding town trees call me at 665-2983.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Keith Bardwell  
Tree Warden

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOOTHILLS HEALTH AGENT

2006 was another busy and interesting year for me as your Health Agent. As the higher fuel costs and interest rates slowed the building season, the warm winter extended it. Altogether in Whately I witnessed 19 perc tests, 17 Title V inspections, and performed 12 food inspections; I issued 2 well permits, 20 septic system permits, 3 campground and pool inspections, 2 beaver removal permits, and investigated 8 complaints. A total of \$6805 was collected in fees.

In December, Whately, Conway, Deerfield, and Sunderland participated in a free flu clinic at the Frontier Regional High School, which also served as a “test run” of our Emergency Dispensing Site Plan—a plan mandated by the Department of Public Health—which requires that such an operation be up and running within 24 hours of an emergency that may require medication or immunization to be dispensed to everybody in town. It provided excellent experience for town officials and planners. Thanks to all who participated in its planning and execution, as well as those who were immunized.

I expect 2007 to be another busy year, but not too busy to help you. If you need me, call me at either 665-8051 or 268-8404, where I retrieve messages remotely throughout the week. In-person help must be scheduled in advance. Written messages or mail should be directed to me at PO 447 Haydenville, MA 01039. I look forward to another year as your Health Agent. Thanks to all who have made this past year an interesting work experience.

Jackie Duda  
Health Agent  
Foothills Health District

## **REPORT OF THE HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR**

The annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day, coordinated by the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD), was held on Saturday September 9, 2006 from 9 AM to noon at the Montague DPW, the Buckland Highway Garage, the Route 2 Park and Ride in Charlemont and a site in Orange. 383 households representing 19 of the 21 District towns participated in the collection. In addition, eight "very small quantity generators" participated in the collection bringing a range of wastes from oil to lab chemicals. These small quantity generators included area businesses, one highway garage, Frontier Regional School, Heath Elementary and Athol High School. Nine Whately households were among the participants. Whately's cost for HHW disposal services was \$660.00.

At the four collection sites, the materials collected for disposal and recycling included: 124 automobile batteries; six 55-gallon drums of aerosols; 17 cubic yard flex bins of paint; seventeen 55-gallon drums of flammable liquids; 223 gallons of corrosive liquids; 1 cubic yard flex bin + seven 55-gallon drums of pesticides; three 55-gallon drums of caustics; 1,025 gallons of used motor oil for reuse as fuel; 389 fluorescent bulbs; 30 gallons of unregulated medicines + 1 gallon of controlled substances; and approximately 40 lbs. of mercury devices.

The next HHW Collection Day will be held September 8, 2007. Contact the FCSWMD for pre-registration details beginning in August - by phone 772-2438 or email [info@franklincountywastedistrict.org](mailto:info@franklincountywastedistrict.org).

All residents are encouraged to utilize year-round the Hazardous Waste facilities established by the FCSWMD at the transfer stations of Bernardston, Colrain, Conway and Orange. Whately residents will most likely use the Conway site located off Old Cricket Hill Rd. The wastes accepted at these facilities include mercury thermometers, waste oil products such as used motor oil, hydraulic oil, gear oil etc., oil based paints, oil filters, antifreeze, fluorescent lights and ballasts, rechargeable (NiCad) batteries, lithium batteries and button batteries (found in cameras, watches etc.). Additional information about these disposal sites (dates and hours of operation etc.) is posted on the bulletin board at the transfer station.

Questions concerning the proper disposal of and alternatives to hazardous materials can be directed to either your Hazardous Waste Coordinator (665-2894) or the FCSWMD (772-2438).

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Obear  
Hazardous Waste Coordinator

## REPORT OF THE SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

In calendar year 2006, 133.47 tons of paper, glass, cans, and plastic containers were collected at the Whately Transfer Station and sent to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). 181.05 tons of residual waste was disposed of at the Northampton landfill or Springfield incinerator.

Two Clean Sweep or Bulky Waste days were held at the transfer station this year. The first on May 20, 2006 was town sponsored while the second on October 14, 2006 was coordinated with the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD). These collections provided for the recycling and disposal of a number of hard to manage wastes. These wastes include tires, scrap metal, appliances, TV's, computers and other electronics, construction and demolition materials (C&D) as well as bulky household items such as broken furniture, old carpets and mattresses. Modest fees were charged for most items to cover recycling and disposal costs. In addition to Whately residents, people from other FCSWMD communities participated in the October 14th collection. For both collections Whately residents recycled 6.3 tons of appliances and scrap metal, 3.51 tons of TV's and electronics, and 0.5 tons of tires. In addition, 12.2 tons of C&D and bulky items were disposed of at a local landfill (or the Springfield incinerator).

Compostable organics (food waste) were collected at both the transfer station and the elementary school. Participating households were provided with covered pails for collecting and transporting their food wastes to the transfer station for disposal in wheeled carts. Another wheeled cart was used to collect the kitchen and plate waste at the elementary school. The carts were transported to a Whately farm where the food waste was composted with other materials. Approximately 11 tons of food waste was diverted from disposal. The Solid Waste Committee encourages more Whately residents to take advantage of this service.

A total of 155.78 tons of waste materials were recycled by Whately residents in calendar year 2006 which includes approximately 1 ton of clothing collected and recycled by Salvation Army. 193.25 tons of residual and bulky wastes were disposed of at local landfills or the Springfield incinerator. These numbers resulted in a calendar year 2006 recycling rate of 44.63%.

The Town's recycling program in calendar year 2006 resulted in a net savings of \$7,880. This figure includes \$3,808 in guaranteed and revenue sharing income from the Springfield MRF operator. The annual landfill / incinerator disposal cost for 2006 (including bulky wastes), but excluding trucking, was \$12,561 (193.25 tons at \$65 per ton).

The Solid Waste Committee also continued distributing free informational wheels on backyard composting and household hazardous waste management. These wheel type brochures contain excellent information and we encourage all interested residents to pick one or both up at the transfer station.

In February of 2007 a new recycling service began at the town transfer station. Got Books, a business that specializes in recycling discarded books and other items has provided the town with an enclosed shipping container for residents to discard the following items: books (hardbound and paperback), videos, CD's, DVD's, sports cards, records/LP's, comic books and cell phones. These items are to be brought to the transfer station in cardboard boxes or bags and stacked neatly in the Got Books shipping container.

For current information on solid waste disposal options, we encourage you to look at the FCSWMD website, [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org).

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Fortino, Gary Lawrence, Bill Obear  
Whately Solid Waste Committee

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006

This year's consumption was slightly higher than the previous year rising nearly 4%. The table below shows the monthly consumption figures:

January	1,449,169
February	1,354,265
March	1,825,927
April	2,426,668
May	2,526,355
June	2,495,008
July	2,799,379
August	3,238,064
September	2,590,678
October	2,141,888
November	1,611,866
December	<u>1,511,795</u>
	26,971,062

The revenue generated from water rates and fees was \$83,460.05

Our system has been significantly upgraded since we sustained extensive lightning damage during a summer storm in 2005. Our capacity to produce water should be sufficient for the next several years. The control system however is showing its age and will need immediate attention. Plans have been forwarded to the capital planning committee,

Meetings of the Water Commission are now on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the basement office of the Center School. We can be reached at 665-3080.

Respectfully submitted

George Bucala, Chairman  
GeorgeAnne Dufault  
Paul Fleuriel

**S. WHITE DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
LIBRARIAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

**STATISTICS:**

**CIRCULATION:**

ADULT AND JUVENILE BOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS, VIDEOCASSETTES,  
PERIODICALS AND DVD'S: 7759

**PATRONS:** 844

**COLLECTION:** 15,474

**REFERENCE QUESTIONS:** Whately history, Native American folklore, water pollution, Middle Eastern countries

**POPULAR AUTHORS:** James Patterson, David McCullough, Janet Evanovich, Nora Roberts, Jodi Piccoult

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM:** 2006 theme was "What's Buzzing At The Library" created by the Western Mass. Regional Library system. They provided posters, printouts, booklogs, and bookmarks. A nature program presented by Mickey McKinley from the Hitchcock Center for the Environment was held on June 24. Twenty children and young adults completed the reading program and all received prizes for their efforts.

**BOOK SALE:** Sponsored by the Friends of the Whately library was held again in conjunction with the Whately Harvest Festival in Sept. This year's book sale tables were set up at the Library. Thank you to all who came over to browse and buy. With proceeds from the sale we will be able to purchase bookcases for the children's room. Thank you to Dana Robinson, Jeanne Kocsis, Carolyn Meunier, and the Chamutka family for helping with setup, the sale, and moving the books under cover from the raindrops!

**CRAFT CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY:**

KNITTING- classes were attended by a few people who learned basic knitting techniques and made squares for Project Linus sponsored by Michael's Crafts.

PILLOW FUN- with Julie Sanderson was held in April. Several attended and made beautiful pillows with Julie's help. Thank you , Julie!

JEWELRY MAKING- with Alan Tilton was held during the summer. The fun art of making your own jewelry was enjoyed. Thank you, Alan!

**YOGA:** Gentle yoga classes taught by Alexandra Mello on Weds. evenings are continuing to be popular. Thank you, Alexandra!

**READING GROUP:** Sponsored by the Friends of the Whately Library, meets the third Mon. of the month. The group has met and discussed several books written by authors: Mitch Albom, Kent Haruf, and Louise Erdrich. New members and book suggestions are always welcome.

**STORYTIMES:** Storytimes led by Gail Tilton have been held on various days and times. There are often crafts related to the stories and always refreshments! The children attending them have a great time. Thank you Gail!

**DONATIONS:** The Whately Lions Club generously donated \$750.00, which was used to purchase audiobooks and a new bookcase for the audiobook collection. The Friends of the Whately Library donated the proceeds from the book sale to purchase new bookcases for the children's room. Lasalle's donated and maintained the flowers and winter greenery for the flower boxes at the main entrance. The Chamutka family donated fall decorations and Christmas wreaths for the front doors. Martha Zigmont donated pumpkins and apples for our fall storytimes. Many patrons and community members have donated and continue to donate books, videos and DVD's. Thank you to all!

**VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you to Carolyn Meunier, Martha Zigmont, and Gail Tilton, our newest volunteer! You have all helped to make the Library run smoother, and become a welcoming and comfortable place in the community.

**THANK YOU:**

I'd like to thank the townspeople who voted for the override and thus helped to keep us open. Your support has encouraged us to form a Long Range Planning Committee to assess the Library's future services and programs. Thanks to all who completed the surveys. Your input is very valuable to us in this endeavor. I'd like to thank Betsy Cook for her friendly smile, her continued support, and her knowledge of our collection. Thanks to Jim Ostrowski for his hard work in maintaining the building, and his cheerful completion of the "extra projects". Thanks also to Fiona Stryszko and Sharon Young for their hard work in maintaining the flower beds this summer. Thank you to the Friends of the Whately Library for providing literary events to entertain and enrich the community, and to the Trustees for their continued dedication to keeping the Library worthy of it's magnificent view! Thank you, again, Whately Community, for your appreciation and continued support!

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Moulton  
Library Director

Annual Trustees Report  
S. W. Dickinson Memorial Library  
Year Ending December 31, 2006

The Trustees would like to thank everyone in town who worked so hard on the override campaign and who voted to support our beautiful library. We are grateful for your efforts and sincerely appreciate your patronage. Hopefully our financial future will be more secure.

This year our Board saw the retirement of long-time member Anita Husted. Anita devoted more than 20 years of service to the library and we want to thank her for all of her time, energy, and expertise (as well as her donations!).

The major project undertaken by the Board in 2006, under the direction of Katie Edwards, was the creation of a Long-Range Plan Committee. This committee is a group of volunteers charged with the task of researching all aspects of the library's needs and drafting a plan for the future. Part of the committee's work was the library survey that was circulated around town. A Long-Range Plan is required by the state in order for us to apply for construction grants. The committee hopes to have the Plan completed this summer to be submitted to the state by the October deadline

In closing, the Board would like to acknowledge the wonderful job our Library Director, Chris Moulton, is doing and thank our volunteers Fiona Stryzko and Sharon Young who helped with our gardens and Carolyn Meunier for her work in the library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Tutun, Liz Dwight – Co-Chairs  
Katie Edwards, Shelley Futter, Sandra Saunders, Kathy Smith

## **Whately Elementary School Committee Chair's Report**

I'd like to begin by extending the appreciation of the entire school committee for our town's continued support of our elementary school in general, and for our town's vote in favor of a Proposition 2 1/2 override in particular. We understand the financial challenges that rising property taxes place on our town's residents; passage of the override allowed our school to continue to provide the consistently high quality of education our town rightly expects and deserves.

In the Superintendent's report, Dr. Regina Nash highlights some of our school's many academic achievements during the past year. The teachers, staff, and administrators rightly deserve our appreciation and praise for these accomplishments. Dr. Nash has recently accepted the offer of the Frontier Regional/Union 38 school districts to renew her contract as superintendent; I share her desire for a "partnership in assuring that our schools provide the highest quality programs to all of our students" and, on behalf of our committee, formally congratulate her on her re-appointment. As chair, I also want to express my appreciation to our principal Donna Zaeske for her vigorous and successful efforts this past year to increase public outreach and participation at school events and her ongoing "face lift" of our school building, including putting the school on a regular schedule for long-term painting and maintenance tasks.

In my report, I would like to call attention to some the efforts of each member of our school committee over the past several years to stretch our budget and your local tax dollars, so that we can all continue to afford to pay for schools worth paying for.

Our most senior member, Bob Halla, will complete his second three-year term this spring. Bob has been doing double duty as a member of our school committee and as our school's representative on the school committee for Frontier Regional. As such, he has helped represent the financial and educational interests of our town and school on teacher contract negotiating committees for both Whately Elementary and Frontier Regional. Along with former school committee member Paul Newlin, Bob has also been an early and consistent voice for energy conservation, consistently pressing our school staff and administration to seek new opportunities to save money through a variety of measures. And, to name just one more of his many contributions, I want to thank Bob for his refusal to give up when confronted with the impossibility of paying for a new playground out of our very lean budget. He organized the first big fundraiser for the playground, lobbied town businesses and residents for support, worked with our school principal and PTO to select a vendor and hold down costs, and even helped out with the construction.

Our newest member, Cris Coffin, is our committee's representative on the town capital improvement committee. The capital improvement committee recommends, carefully reviews, and stages needed improvements to our town and school infrastructure to keep year to year expenses manageable and predictable. This year she also serves as our representative on the elementary school teacher contract negotiating committee. Her legal expertise and experience managing budgets for non-profit organizations has served us well both on that committee and in contract negotiations with our superintendent. In her

professional work, she has been a strong advocate on Capital Hill for many improvements in the federal farm bill, including recent changes in federal school nutrition policy; she continues to press the federal government to provide a larger number and a greater variety of nutritious foods to our schools.

My own efforts during the past 3 1/2 years that I have served on this school committee have been focused on (1) finding new opportunities for improved energy efficiency through a careful analysis of our school's energy performance and (2) lobbying the state legislature for improvements in state funding.

Looking for significant energy savings in a school as new as ours may seem surprising. After all, a newer school is usually assumed to also be a more energy efficient school, energy improvements are usually assumed to yield only small savings with long paybacks, and energy expenses are a small fraction of the total budget. The data, however, proves otherwise. A recent EPA survey of energy performance of 4000 buildings nationwide found that newer buildings (less than 25 years old) were just as likely to be in the poorest performing 25% of all buildings as they were to be in the top 25%. This is in part because newly constructed buildings are rarely tested to see if the buildings are delivering the energy performance that is promised. Contrary to expectation, the potential energy savings are substantial: top performing buildings use 3 - 4 times less energy per square foot than the worst performers, even after correcting for variations in climate and weather severity. And unlike upgrades in building materials, improvements in operation often have very short paybacks: if windows and doors aren't properly sealed against drafts, if insulation is missing or improperly installed, or if the heating and ventilation controls aren't operating as intended, the payback time can be a year or less. Finally, although energy expenses are small as a percentage of our overall budget (5%), our energy expenses this past year still amount to \$55,000, or 30% of all the Chapter 70 education aid that we received from the state.

Starting 3 years ago, I therefore began pushing for a comprehensive energy audit for our school. To verify the need for such an audit, our administration agreed to submit the necessary data to obtain an EnergyStar "benchmark" rating for each of the 5 school buildings in the Union 38/Frontier regional school district. Although our school's energy performance was comparable to the other four, it still indicated significant room for improvement. A subsequent inspection of the heating and ventilation system to improve temperature control in the building found several air handling controls were no longer functioning properly; repair and replacement of those controls reduced our energy consumption by 10%, significantly increased our EnergyStar rating, and actually lowered our total energy bill despite dramatic increases in fuel costs. The savings in fuel costs (compared to what we would have paid in the absence of repairs) paid for itself in the first year.

Based on this success, we voted to authorize funding for a more substantial energy audit of our school. This audit, which was completed last spring, identified opportunities for further improvements in energy savings (including additional modifications to controls) that would require little or no cost to implement, and made

recommendations on the phasing in of more costly improvements. The necessary repairs and low-cost improvements --- which were promptly and ably completed by our school's maintenance staff last summer --- have lowered our energy consumption still further and have again paid for themselves in the first year. Our overall energy consumption has decreased by 20% in just 2 and 1/2 years.

Our weather-adjusted EnergyStar benchmark score is now double what is was originally and, to my knowledge, significantly better than any other school in our district. Taking into account the cost of repairs, rising fuel costs and what we would have spent in the absence of improvements, our school has saved over \$10,000 this year alone. Because of the even more rapid increase in fuel costs, our overall energy expenses are still higher than they were, but our school's efforts to improve the energy performance have significantly lowered our energy bills below what they would have been. Our committee is pleased to have received the cooperation of school teachers, staff, and administration in these conservation efforts.

My other focus has been lobbying for changes in the way the state calculates the so-called "foundation" school budget and in the way the state determines how much of that budget should come from local property taxes. We have yet to see progress in the way that the foundation budget is determined but we saw a major victory last year in the determination of the state and local government contributions to that budget. According to the new state "aggregate wealth" formula, the state should contribute funds corresponding to 39% of our foundation budget (and not the 15% percent received in recent years). Next year will be the second year of a five year phase in this change; in the first year, we saw an increase in state aid to 20% of our foundation budget and an absolute increase of more than \$36,000 in state aid.

Last year, the legislative leadership in the State House heard from our town residents and local representatives with an intensity and clarity of expression they had never heard before. I was glad to lend my voice to that effort. As part of our lobbying push, I prepared a series of state and school district maps illustrating inequities in the "local aid" funding formula to public schools and the lack of progress since 2002, then updated those maps at each step in the budget process. The maps were then used by ordinary citizens and school committees across the state to lobby our legislators and, somewhat to my surprise, by various legislators to lobby the leadership.

Legislative changes usually require many people making many different contributions over a long period of time and I can not say for sure what role these maps played. Many members of our town contributed to this lobbying effort and all deserve credit, as do our representatives in the State House. Rep. Steve Kulik, for example, was particularly helpful in pushing for the adopted "aggregate wealth" formula. Nevertheless, I was honored to receive the Massachusetts Association of School Committee's 2006 All-State School Committee Award in recognition of my efforts preparing these maps, and I was proud to accept the award on our town's behalf.

Finally, I was happy to work with our Town Administrator Lynn Sibley and State Senator Stan Rosenberg to introduce legislative changes in

the state's "pothole" foundation reserve fund that allowed our town to receive an additional \$45,000 from the state department of education towards town expenses. My role was limited to drafting the changes in legislative language that were ultimately adopted; the real credit goes to Senator Rosenberg for shepherding the changes through the legislature to Lynn Sibley for over a week of work collecting the data and preparing the application needed to secure the funds.

I hope this short report gives you a sense of the often unknown and unpublicized efforts made by our school and your school committee to continue to provide the highest quality programs to all of our students on an extremely lean budget year after year. This year, we will face a new set of budgetary challenges, particularly in our efforts to meet the rising costs of special education. These are mandated services that the children of our town need and deserve --- not special frills --- but they are expensive. With that in mind, I encourage you to ask your representatives for changes in the special education "circuit-breaker law" that would (1) lower the threshold (that trips the circuit-breaker and increases state aid) from four times the foundation budget per child to a more affordable three times the foundation budget per child (2) allow for inclusion of special-ed related school transportation costs in the calculation of that threshold and additional aid.

Sincerely yours,

Nathanael Fortune, 2006-2007 chair, Whately School Committee

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**From the**  
**Office of the Superintendent of Schools**

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**Whately Elementary School**  
**for 2005-2006**

January 2007

## WHATELY SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Nathanael Fortune, Chair  
Whately School Committee  
Whately, MA 01093

Dear Mr. Fortune:

I respectfully submit the 2006 Annual Report for the Whately Elementary School.

### **WHATELY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

#### **TERM EXPIRES**

Nathanael Fortune, Chair	2009
*Robert Halla, Vice Chair	2007
Cris Coffin, Member	2008

\*Representative to the Frontier Regional School Committee

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Superintendent	Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.
Business Manager	Donald M. Scott
Special Education Director	Michael Ponti
Administrative Secretary	Betsy Beaudet Kearns
Administrative Secretary	Janet Stellman
Special Education Secretary	Diana Capuano
Receptionist	Brenda Rotkiewicz
Bookkeeper, Union #38	Paula Light
Bookkeeper, Grants	Stephan Shepherd
Principal	Donna Zaeske
Secretary	Sarah Valley

**WHATELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2006**

Grade	Boys	Girls	School Choice	Tuitioned In	Total
PreK	11	3	0	0	14
K	6	7	2	0	15
1	2	4	6	0	12
2	10	1	3	0	14
3	7	7	2	0	16
4	6	6	3	0	15
5	8	8	2	0	18
6	9	10	1	0	20
Total	59	46	19	0	124

**UNION #38 TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE**  
**CONWAY, DEERFIELD, SUNDERLAND, WHATELY**

**July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006**

STEP	B	B+15	M	M+15	M+30
1	31,794	32,789	33,815	34,869	35,959
2	32,789	33,815	34,869	35,959	37,084
3	33,815	34,869	35,959	37,084	38,242
4	34,869	35,959	37,084	38,242	39,439
5	35,959	37,084	38,242	39,439	40,671
6	37,084	38,242	39,439	40,671	41,939
7	38,242	39,439	40,671	41,939	43,251
8	39,439	40,671	41,939	43,251	44,602
9	40,671	41,939	43,251	44,602	45,999
10	41,939	43,251	44,602	45,999	47,433
11	43,251	44,602	45,999	47,433	48,915
12	44,602	45,999	47,433	48,915	50,445
13	45,999	47,433	48,915	50,445	52,023
14	49,121	50,605	52,428	54,005	56,144
20	49,651	51,135	52,958	54,536	56,674

Placement on Step 20 occurs when a teacher has completed 19 years of service as a teacher in the District.

Nature's Classroom Teacher: \$275 per teacher unit.

Workshop Presenters: \$30 per hour of presentation and reimbursement for reasonable expenses.

Head Teachers: \$400

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### TOWN OF WHATELY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

#### SUMMARY OF BUDGET RELATED EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2005 - JUNE 30, 2006

#### CATEGORY

School Committee	\$ 4,945
Central Office	66,562
Principal's Office	97,773
General Instruction	474,161
Kindergarten	57,864
Pre-School	10,544
Art	10,095
Music	14,168
Physical Education	15,327
Special Education	111,213
Library/Media	43,696
Guidance	34,436
Psychologist	17,300
Student Services	2,460
Health	20,975
Cafeteria	2,176
Buildings & Grounds	147,119
Fixed Costs	10,108
Transportation	36,439
Fixed Assets	<u>      </u> 0
Total	\$1,177,361

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT WHATELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Whately Elementary School continues to offer a strong, effective learning community in which all children are welcomed, respected, and given the tools they need to help them learn and grow. Our students enjoy excellent, up-to-date school facilities, access to current technology, and outstanding educational programs. The educational opportunities available to students are possible because the people of Whately continue to so willingly fund their school's budget and to support its faculty and programs.

The high standards set for our students by their families and teachers are evident daily in classrooms throughout our schools. Our students continue to perform successfully on local and state assessments. Their overall MCAS scores are among the strongest in the state.

### ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL CHOICE

The October 1, 2006, enrollment for Whately Elementary School totaled 124 (PreK-6) students. This is an increase of 1 from the October 1, 2005, enrollment figures. The School Choice enrollment totaled 19 students, which is an increase of 4 from the School Choice enrollment of October 2005.

### CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During the 2005/06 School year Whately Elementary School teachers worked with teachers and administrators in the neighboring schools of Conway, Deerfield, and Sunderland to create a new standards based Report Card for students in grades 1 - 6. The new report card is designed to give parents specific information about the skills and concepts taught in each subject area, and to report on individual student achievement and progress in each of those subjects. The goal is to strengthen the communication with families about the many kinds of learning that happen each day in our classrooms. The district elementary curriculum in all subject areas aligns with the standards described in the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework Documents.

Members of the Whately Elementary School faculty participated in drafting a new district PK – 12 health curriculum based on the learning standards published by the Massachusetts Department of Education in the Massachusetts Health Curriculum Framework document. Concepts and skills in the areas of physical health, personal and community health, social and emotional health, and safety and prevention will be taught to children through collaboration among the physical education teacher, the school nurse, and the classroom teachers. The health curriculum is designed to help students learn how to make healthy decisions in every aspect of their lives. The central question that students will be examining in every grade is "***What steps can a person take to maintain wellness?***" Through exploring this question students will learn about the importance of hand washing, wearing bicycle helmets, avoiding tobacco and alcohol, and discuss the components to a healthy diet. The new health curriculum is being introduced just as a new district Wellness policy was approved by all five of the district school committees. This policy aims to create optimally healthy school environments through offering

healthy food choices, adequate opportunities for physical activity, and high quality education in maintaining physical health through adequate exercise, safety practices, and good nutrition. We invite the community to learn more about our district curriculum and our school by visiting our exciting student centered website which can be accessed on the Whately Elementary School's Home Page at [www.wes.whately.ma.us](http://www.wes.whately.ma.us)

## **ASSESSMENT**

Whately students scored well on the state MCAS tests administered in grades 3-6 in the areas of Reading, Writing, Mathematics, and Science each spring. Under the *No Child Left Behind Act*, each school receives an annual report measuring a school's "Adequate Yearly Progress" toward the goal set by the federal government that 100% of students reach proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics by the year 2014.

All students' test scores in a particular discipline across all grade levels tested on the MCAS are averaged over two years to determine each school's total Adequate Yearly Progress rating. The good news is that Massachusetts students scored well above other states in student progress in both areas tested and Whately Elementary School's students' scores were well above the average scores in Massachusetts!

## **STAFF**

As of September 1, 2006, newly hired faculty members at the Whately Elementary School are: Meagan Montmeny (Music Teacher), Ira Band (School Psychologist), Ellen Berson (Speech Language Therapist), and Ghislaine Burgess (Speech Language Therapist).

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

I am pleased to acknowledge the dedication of Whately School Committee members (Chair) Nathanael Fortune, Robert Halla and Cris Coffn. They take their responsibilities very seriously and work extremely hard for the students of the Whately Elementary School District. I look forward to continuing our work together.

My sincere thanks to the Whately PTO and School Council. Their tireless efforts for the students at Whately Elementary School significantly enhance the many opportunities available to our students and staff.

I want to thank all those town departments who help us keep our students and staff safe. I especially wish to recognize the Police, Fire, and Highway Departments for their dedication and vigilance.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to the citizens of Whately for their support. All members of the community are welcome to visit our school and encouraged to participate in the wide range of school activities and programs that are always available to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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**Frontier Regional School  
For 2005-2006**

**January 2007**

## **FRONTIER SCHOOL REPORT**

Ms. Mary Ramon, Chairman  
Frontier Regional School District Committee  
South Deerfield, MA 01373

Dear Ms. Ramon:

I respectfully submit the 2006 Frontier Regional School Annual Report.

### **FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

#### **TERM EXPIRES**

* Mary Ramon, Chair, Deerfield	2007
Diane Gumaer, Vice Chair, Sunderland	2008
William Smith, Secretary, Whately	2009
Andrea Llamas, Conway	2007
Brian Pinette, Deerfield	2008
Alexis Toy, Deerfield	2009
* Cyndie Ouimette, Conway	2007
* Robert White, Sunderland	2007
* Robert Halla, Whately	2007

\*Representing the local Elementary School Committees for one-year term.

Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Media Center, Frontier Regional School, South Deerfield, Massachusetts at 7:00 p.m.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.	Superintendent of Schools
Donald M. Scott	Business Manager
Michael Ponti	Director of Special Education
Patricia Stachelek	Frontier Regional Bookkeeper/Treasurer
Stephan Shepherd	Grants Bookkeeper
Betsy Beaudet Kearns	Administrative Secretary
Janet Stellman	Administrative Secretary
Diana Capuano	Special Education Secretary

## **FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL**

Martha Barrett	Co-Principal
Donald Skroski	Co-Principal
Kelly Blanchette	Special Education Secretary
Deborah Coons	Administrative Secretary
Debbie Mason	Attendance Officer
Roberta Reiter	Administrative Secretary
Karen Siwicki	Guidance Secretary

**FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL**  
**ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2006**

Grade	Conway	Deerfield	Sunderland	Whately	School Choice	Total
7	9	56	32	18	16	131
8	13	44	31	19	14	121
9	11	51	35	13	8	118
10	14	44	26	14	16	114
11	18	49	36	9	13	125
12	16	47	18	14	11	106
Total	81	291	178	87	78	715

**FRONTIER REGIONAL**  
**SALARY SCHEDULE**

July 1, 2005– June 30, 2006

OLD STEP	NEW STEP	Bachelors	Masters	M+30
2	1	32,408	33,968	35,883
3	2	34,077	35,446	37,240
4	3	35,491	36,958	38,645
5	4	36,364	38,526	40,099
6	5	37,639	39,759	41,572
7	6	38,623	41,063	43,132
8	7	40,286	42,372	44,556
9	8	41,349	43,717	45,991
10	9	42,444	44,819	48,068
11	10	44,555	47,366	50,205
12	11	46,892	50,111	52,408
13	12	47,670	51,958	54,827
14	13	49,522	53,878	56,792
*20L	*20L	50,022	54,378	57,292
**25L	**25L	50,522	54,878	57,792

\* Placement on Step 20L occurs when an individual has completed 19 years of service as a Frontier Regional School faculty member.

\*\* Placement on Step 25L occurs when an individual has completed 24 years of service as a Frontier Regional School faculty member.

## **FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

In Massachusetts, as throughout the United States, academic expectations continue to rise. During this current school year, students in grades seven, eight, and ten will continue to undergo MCAS testing. In the face of these continually rising expectations, I am proud to say that the energy, commitment, and professionalism of faculty, staff, and administration and the ongoing community support for the budgets, have enabled quality programs to flourish at Frontier Regional School, even in difficult times. Students and teachers work hard to meet the goals of *No Child Left Behind* and the *Education Reform Act of 1993*.

I am proud to report that I continue to see a commitment to high standards on the part of students, parents, faculty, and community members. Evidence of this has been apparent in our students' success on local and state assessments, in achieving Adequate Yearly Progress as mandated by the federal government, and in the work that students and teachers accomplish in our school every day.

### **ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL CHOICE**

The October 1, 2006 enrollment for Frontier Regional School District totaled 715 students. This is a decrease of 13 from the October 1, 2005 enrollment figures. The School Choice enrollment totaled 78 students, which is a decrease of 1 student from the School Choice enrollment of October 2005.

The Frontier Regional School graduated 106 students in the Class of 2006.

### **STAFF**

Newly hired faculty members at Frontier Regional School this year are Beverly MacCleod (High School Math), Maureen Collins (Title I Math), Scott Dredge (FTEP History and English), Melissa Hawkins (Middle School Special Education), and Kathy Scott (Life Skills). This faculty replaced faculty who have moved to other districts or who have retired.

Ms. Patricia Taylor, High School Mathematics Teacher, retired this year. We wish Ms. Taylor the very best in her future endeavors.

### **ASSESSMENT**

In the class of 2007, one hundred percent of students passed both the English and Mathematics MCAS, achieving the competency determination for graduation. Ninety-six percent of grade seven students passed English Language Arts MCAS and Eighty-seven percent of students passed the Mathematics MCAS. Ninety-eight percent of grade eight students passed English Language Arts and eighty-four percent passed the Mathematics MCAS.

Twenty-five students in the Class of 2007 (twenty-five percent of the senior class) qualified for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. Students who qualify for this scholarship achieved one advanced score on the MCAS exam a no less than proficient on the second MCAS. The top twenty-five percent of students at Frontier were given a scholarship that entitles them to four years of free tuition at any state college or university.

Using local funds and several grant sources the Frontier Regional School continued to provide an after school math support program. Thirty-one students in grades seven and eight enrolled in the program as well as twenty-five students from grades nine and ten. The program was designed to meet the needs of students who need additional support in mathematics and help students achieve a passing score on the MCAS Mathematics exam.

In addition to the after school math support program, Frontier continues to offer a summer support program in Math and English Language Arts. This program is funded by a small grant from the Department of Education as well as local funding. Data has confirmed the success of this program.

## **CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Under the guidance of Co-Principals Martha Barrett and Donald Skroski, faculty at Frontier continues to examine student writing. Once again, the entire faculty was involved in evaluating student essays that were based on students' summer reading assignments. This is the fourth year that faculty were involved in the process of scoring, reading, and discussing student writing.

The Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks continue to be a central theme in all curriculum discussions. In FY06 teachers in the math department were involved in a curriculum mapping project. The mapping project will be expanded to include the four core academic areas in FY07.

The faculty will continue to refine their individual as well as grade level maps by content area throughout the FY07 school year with additional subjects added in FY08. The beginning results of this project can be viewed on the district web pages.

We continue to offer five advanced placement programs in calculus, statistics, American government, chemistry, and English literature. Two new courses were added to the course of studies in FY06: Twentieth Century American History and Economics. In addition, the theater program was expanded to allow a greater number of students to participate.

Frontier teachers are continually engaged in professional development activities. Curriculum development, state standards and data driven analysis are central themes in most of these activities. In addition, a behavioral specialist worked with faculty to design positive classroom environments.

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

I am pleased to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of Frontier Regional School Committee Members Mary Ramon (Chair), Diane Gumaer, William Smith, Robert Halla, Andrea Llamas, Robert White, Brian Pinette, Cyndie Ouimette, and Alexis Toy. I look forward with pleasure to continuing our work together.

This year, I would like to offer special recognition to all of the teachers and staff members who work tirelessly to make our schools such effective learning communities. I appreciate their professionalism, their willingness to meet the needs of individual students, and the care and concern they bring to their classrooms every school day.

I am proud of the efforts of our administration, teaching and support staff, students, and central

office support and administrative staff as they demonstrate daily the high levels of accountability that are so important to the success of today's schools. I am also extremely grateful for the ongoing support of parents; the communities of Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland, and Whately; and our school councils and town officials and employees. Without this team effort, we could not obtain the educational excellence for which our schools are known and admired.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

# FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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Turners Falls, Massachusetts 01376

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Richard K. Lane  
Superintendent



## 2006 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2006 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2006 was 526 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	26	Erving	15	Montague	71	Sunderland	12
Buckland	17	Gill	8	New Salem	9	Warwick	10
Colrain	24	Greenfield	131	Northfield	26	Wendell	9
Conway	10	Heath	9	Orange	66	Whately	7
Deerfield	15	Leyden	5	Shelburne	8	Non-District	48

Franklin County Technical School awarded 108 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2006. This marked the fourth year that Massachusetts students were required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma. Once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The graduates also earned their vocational certificate along with their diploma. 42% of our graduates planned to go on to either a two or four year college, 44% joined the area work force, 11% had unknown plans and 4% went on to a post secondary trade/technical school. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2006.

All schools in the Commonwealth are required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) to meet or exceed specific student performance standards in English/language arts and mathematics. The Franklin County Technical School is proud to note that it met these adequate yearly progress determinations for the 2005 – 2006 school year while at the same time making substantial progress toward meeting a similar set of state mandated standards for our vocational programs.

During the 2006 school year, the students from various vocational programs performed an estimated \$56,000 worth of service projects benefiting the city and various towns of Franklin County and we plan to continue supplying our constituent towns with these services as they offer the ideal learning laboratory for our students. Students from many shop areas also routinely assist our building maintenance department, supplying services that would otherwise be contracted to outside agencies.

We submitted our "Two Year Progress Report" to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in the early Fall and have just heard, as this report was being written, that the review was satisfactory in all areas. This once again attests to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff and administration and the quality programs we offer with the support of our member towns.

We continue to work with Greenfield Community College to offer evening courses at Franklin County Technical School, as well as a program that is offered after our normal school hours that enables our seniors to experience the college environment first hand while obtaining college credits.

We also continue to work with Franklin County businesses, the Regional Employment Board and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce to make sure that our graduates are part of the Economic Development for Franklin County.

We thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

The signature is handwritten in cursive script.  
Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz, School Committee Chairman

The signature is handwritten in cursive script.

Mr. Richard K. Lane, Superintendent



ACCREDITED MEMBER NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, INC.

## **2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk's Office was busy in 2006. Town Elections were held in May along with a debt exclusion and override vote on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The State Primary were held in September and the State General Election was held in November. Many changes may be on the horizon for elections. Same day registration and "at will" absentee voting are two issues that our legislators will be taking up this year.

Last year I wrote about the new HAVA (Help America Vote Act) requirements. One of the requirements under HAVA was to have a handicapped accessible voting machine available for use for the first time at the September 2006 primary. After much controversy regarding these machines the Secretary of the Commonwealth was reluctant to certify any of the machines so there were no machines available for the state elections. Stay tuned for future developments on this issue.

Annual Town meeting was held in April and was continued to June when the financial picture was clearer. Special Town Meetings were held in February, June and September. Minutes of these meetings are included later in this report.

My annual preservation project was put on hold again this year. Due to the financial state of the town this project has not been funded for the last two years. My goal for the upcoming year is to continue this preservation project if funding allows.

Another goal is to update the town's Code Book which contains all the town regulations as well as zoning and subdivision bylaws in one book. Town financial problems have limited our capability of updating this book in a timely fashion and now it is in need of a major overhaul.

My hours at the Center School Office building at 218 Chestnut Plain Road are:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Tuesdays from Noon – 7 p.m.

If you have special needs that make visiting my office in the Center School difficult, please call me at 665-0054 and I will make arrangements to meet you in a more accessible location.

The following is a summary of the activities of the Town Clerk's Office for the year 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn M. Sibley  
Town Clerk

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
9	17	15	7	17	13	9

### MARRIAGES

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
3	5	7	11	9	7	10

### DEATHS

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
21	8	15	15	15	4	15

### 2006 DOG LICENSES

23	Male Dogs @ \$10.00	\$ 230.00
133	Neutered Male Dogs @ \$5.00	665.00
15	Female Dogs @ \$10.00	150.00
157	Spayed Female Dogs @ \$5.00	785.00
	Two 2005 Licenses Paid in 2006	<u>10.00</u>
<u>310</u>		\$1,840.00
	Plus Fines Charged for Late Licensing	<u>780.00</u>
	Total Turned Over to Treasurer	\$2,620.00

## 2006 FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE RETURN

25	Resident Fishing @ \$27.50	687.50
4	Resident Fishing Minor @ \$11.50	46.00
1	Resident Fishing 65-69 @ \$16.25	16.25
22	Resident Fishing Handicapped – free	--
2	Non- Resident Fishing @ \$37.50	75.00
7	Resident Hunting @ \$27.50	192.50
1	Non-Resident Big Game @ \$99.50	99.50
23	Resident Sporting @ \$45.00	1,035.00
1	Resident Sporting 65-69	25.00
18	Resident Citizen Sporting Over age 70 – free	--
1	Duplicate Sporting @ \$2.50	2.50
10	Archery Stamp @ \$5.10	51.00
4	Waterfowl Stamp \$5.00	20.00
16	Primitive Firearms Stamp @ \$5.10	<u>81.60</u>
	Total	2,331.85
	Additional \$1.00 surcharge per license	<u>63.00</u>
	Amount turned over to Town Treasurer	2,394.85
	Paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	<u>2,296.25</u>
	Fees Collected by Town of Whately	98.60

## OTHER FEES COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK

Zoning Board – Appeals	325.00
Planning Board – ANR – Other Filings	625.00
Sale of by-laws and sub-division	239.00
Sale of Street Listing	42.00
Copies	21.90
Gas Renewal Permits	75.00
Vitals	765.00
Business Certificates	285.00
Miscellaneous	<u>72.85</u>
Total Other Fees Paid to Town Treasury in Clerk Receipts	\$2,450.75

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF WHATELY  
February 28, 2006**

Pursuant to the within warrant a special town meeting of the Town of Whately was called to order Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at the Whately Elementary School by Moderator Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr. The Constable's return of the warrant was read by Town Clerk, Lynn M. Sibley. There were 10 voters present.

**Article 1.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$669 to be added to the appropriation of \$2,862 voted at the April 26, 2005 Annual Town Meeting to cover the FY06 appropriation for the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District.

Vote was unanimous.

**Article 2.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$70 to be added to the appropriation of \$3,545 voted at the April 26, 2005 Annual Town Meeting to cover the FY06 appropriation for Veteran's Benefit.

Vote was unanimous.

**Article 3.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$12,000 for transportation of a student to Smith Vocational Technical School.

Vote was unanimous.

**Article 4.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$1,200 for a share of the design phase for the Conversion of the Youth Center into a Police Station.

Vote was unanimous.

**Article 5.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$241 to cover a Fiscal Year 2005 deficit for the Tri-Town Beach District.

Vote was unanimous.

**Article 5.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$6,468 for the FY05 Assessment for the Foothills Health District.

Vote was unanimous.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn without date at 7:08 p.m.

A true record,  
Attest:  
Lynn M. Sibley, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF WHATELY  
June 22, 2006**

Pursuant to the within warrant a special town meeting of the Town of Whately was called to order Thursday, June 22, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at the Whately Elementary School by Moderator Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr. The Constable's return of the warrant was read by Town Clerk, Lynn M. Sibley. There were 6 voters present.

**Article 1.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$13,000 for tuition and transportation of a student to Smith Vocational Technical School.

Vote was unanimous.

**Article 2.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted to transfer from Stabilization Fund the sum of \$165 to cover a Fiscal Year 2005 bill for a Physical and tests for a part-time police officer.

Vote was unanimous.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn without date at 6:34 p.m.

A true record,  
Attest:  
Lynn M. Sibley, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF WHATELY  
September 12, 2006**

Pursuant to the within warrant a special town meeting of the Town of Whately was called to order Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at the Center School Offices, 218 Chestnut Plain Road by Moderator Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr. The Constable's return of the warrant was read by Town Clerk, Lynn M. Sibley. There were 9 voters present.

**Article 1.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town rescind Article 13 of the April 27, 2004 town meeting transferring \$50,000 from Stabilization to fund the design and development of plans for renovations to the Whately Town Hall and also rescind Article 8 of the April 25, 2006 Annual Town Meeting transferring \$50,000 from the Town Hall Renovations Account to fund the FY07 operating budget. The result of this vote will transfer \$50,000 back to the Stabilization fund.

**Article 2.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$50,000 towards funding the FY07 operating budget. (Vote was unanimous.)

**Article 3.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted to transfer from free cash the sum of \$201 to be added to the FY07 operating budget for the Library of \$35,644.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn without date at 6:36 p.m.

A true record,  
Attest:  
Lynn M. Sibley, Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF WHATELY  
APRIL 25, 2006  
CONTINUED TO JUNE 22, 2006**

Pursuant to the within warrant the annual meeting of the Town of Whately held at the Whately Elementary School, 273 Long Plain Road was called to order Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr. Town Clerk, Lynn M. Sibley read the Constable's return of the warrant. For the April 25<sup>th</sup> session of town meeting Virginia Allis acted as checker and assigned voting placards to those voters attending the meeting. Throughout the first evening 157 voters were checked in.

The Moderator recognized Carl Brooks who announced the Memorial Day Festivities planned by the Whately Grange for Sunday, May 28, 2006 starting with a church service at the Whately Congregational Church and a parade following at 11 a.m.

The Moderator appointed Gary Lawrence and Richard Smith as counters. This meeting was being broadcast for the first time on Channel 15.

**Article 1.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town accept the Annual Reports of the officers of the Town, and to hear any other reports of the Boards and Committees. There were no additional reports.

**Article 2.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2006, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**Article 3.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements with banking institutions having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during Fiscal Year 2007, as permitted by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 (F).

**Article 4.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state or private grant monies on behalf of the Town and authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

**Article 5.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town authorize revolving funds for certain town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 s. 53 E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006.

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Authorized to Spend Fund</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Use of Fund</b>	<b>FY2007 Spending Limit</b>	<b>Disposition of FY06 Fund Balance</b>	<b>Spending Restrictions or Comments</b>
Dog Licensing and Control Revolving Fund	Town Clerk Animal Control Officer	Dog license fees, fines and late charges	Any lawful expense related to dog licensing, animal control officer operating expenses, or any expense related to the implementation of the town's Dog Control By-law	\$1,000	\$1,000 of balance available for expenditure, remainder to revert to General Fund	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Recreation Revolving Fund	Recreation Commission by majority vote of its membership	Sports program registration fees, building and park rental fees, donations and proceeds from fund-raisers	Any lawful expense related to the activities, programs, and facilities operated by the Recreation Commission	\$10,000	Balance available for expenditure	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Library Revolving Fund	Trustees of S. W. Dickinson Memorial Library, by majority vote of its membership	Fees from overdue books and videos and fees from copy machine use	Any lawful expense associated with the activities and programs of the S. W. Dickinson Memorial Library	\$1,000	Balance available for expenditure	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Public Hearings Revolving Fund	Town Clerk	Fees for costs of public hearings	Costs related to hearings: advertising, recording fees, and other expenses	\$2500	Balance available for expenditure.	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Total Spending:				<b>\$14,500</b>		

**Article 6, 7, 8, and 9.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that articles 6, 7, 8, and 9 that deal with the FY07 budget be postponed to an adjourned session of this meeting to be held on June 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Whately Elementary School. The motion carried with one vote in opposition.

**Article 10.** Motion was made and seconded that the town vote to amend the Whately Zoning bylaws and the Code of the Town of Whately by inserting the Aquifer Protection District bylaw and associated map as section 171-28.4 as printed in the warrant.

After the above motion was made a presentation of the work of the Aquifer Protection District Committee followed. A history of Whately's water contamination in the 1980's and the concern to protect Whately's only existing water source were given. Tom Litwin and Kimberly MacPhee gave the presentation.

An amendment was moved and seconded that the following be added to the Aquifer Protection bylaw Section F. (1) Flag lots – change the flag lot requirement from double the required acreage to the three acres required by all other lots in the district. All the other flag lot requirements will remain the same as in Section 171-24 of the Whately Zoning Bylaws. There was much discussion on this amendment. The Planning Board and Aquifer Protection Committee wished more time to consider this amendment and would be willing to bring this matter to a future town meeting. A vote was taken on this amendment and it failed - 62 For to 71 Against

An amendment was also moved and seconded to amend section E letter (q) by changing the words Board of Health to Representative of Town of Whately. There was a brief discussion regarding this amendment and it was withdrawn by the person presenting the amendment.

The question was taken up for a vote on the original motion and the town voted to amend the Whately Zoning bylaws and the Code of the Town of Whately by inserting the Aquifer Protection District bylaw and associated map as section 171-28.4 as printed in the warrant.

The vote was: For 121      Against 12

\*\*\*To save space the aquifer protection district bylaw is not being printed in this report. The entire bylaw is available at the Town Clerk's office. \*\*\*

The Moderator announced a short recess while the next presentation was being set up.

**Article 14.** Due to a presentation by an out of town architect, Article 14 was taken out of order.

Motion was made that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 by borrowing to renovate the Whately Youth Center into the Whately Police Station according to construction design plans drawn by architect Bannister & Greenberg and to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7(9) for a period not to exceed five years, provided however, that this appropriation and debt authorization be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C (k).

Lynn DiTullio of the Municipal Building Committee introduced Chip Greenberg of Bannister & Greenberg, the architect hired by the town to work with the Municipal Building Committee. Mr. Greenberg made a presentation on behalf of the project of converting the Youth Center into a Police Station. James Sevigne, Jr., Police Chief also spoke regarding the unsafe conditions such as mold and handicapped accessibility issues that presently exist in the Police Station in the Center School.

After much discussion an amendment was made and seconded to postpone a vote on this article to the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting when other financial issues will be discussed. The amendment failed – Yes 18 No 68.

A vote was taken on the original motion and it was,

Voted that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 by borrowing to renovate the Whately Youth Center into the Whately Police Station according to construction design plans drawn by architect Bannister & Greenberg and to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7(9) for a period not to exceed five years, provided however, that this appropriation and debt authorization be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C (k). Vote was 88 Yes 9 No.

**Article 11.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town adopt the following general bylaw and amend the Town of Whately Code to include said bylaw.

## **TOWN OF WHATELY**

### **RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW**

#### **Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent**

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of Whately restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment").

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Whately by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

#### **Section 2 Definitions**

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.

The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- dairying;
- production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, floricultural, or horticultural commodities;
- growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- raising of livestock, including horses;
- keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and

- keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches, and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

“Farming” shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals;
- applications of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
- processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmers’ market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and
- on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

### **Section 3      Right to Farm Declaration**

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Whately. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right To Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation or local zoning law.

### **Section 4      Disclosure Notification**

A copy of the following disclosure notification shall be published by the Town of Whately on an annual basis in the town report. The disclosure notification shall state the following:

“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect, and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform landowners and occupants of the Town of Whately that the property they own or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Landowners and occupants are also informed that the location of their property may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations by existing right of ways or rental agreements already in place for such property under certain circumstances.”

### **Section 5      Resolution of Disputes**

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Select Board, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Select Board may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed upon time frame.

The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

## **Section 6      Severability Clause**

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of Whately hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

**Article 12.** A motion was made and seconded that the town vote to amend the Whately Zoning bylaws and the Code of the Town of Whately by adding the table as printed in the warrant to ~171-8 Table of Use Regulations under “Accessory Uses” and adding section 171-28-3 as printed in the warrant.

A presentation was made by Peter DeGregorio of the Planning Board explaining the purpose of the bylaw.

After much discussion, an amendment was made and seconded that Section C – 1 be amended by amending the “greater than 5 feet” to “greater than 50 feet”. The amendment was defeated – 10 For to 65 Against.

A vote was then taken on the original motion and it was

Voted that the town amend the Whately Zoning bylaws and the Code of the Town of Whately by adding the table as printed in the warrant to ~171-8 Table of Use Regulations under “Accessory Uses” and adding section 171-28-3 as printed in the warrant. (Text follows.)

To be added to ~ 171-8 (Table of Use Regulations)under “Accessory Uses”

	Residential/ Agricultural	Commercial	Commercial/ Industrial	Industrial
Amateur radio towers or antennas (see ~ 171-28.3)	SP	SP	SP	SP

To be added after ~171-28.2

~171-28.3. Amateur Radio Facilities.

A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish standards and procedures for the permitting of amateur radio facilities consistent with the following goals:

1. To reasonably accommodate the construction and operation of amateur radio facilities in accordance with federal law and M.G.L. C. 40A, §3, and

2. To minimize the impacts amateur radio towers may cause, including, but not limited to: impacts on aesthetics, environmentally sensitive areas, and historical locations; obstruction of flight corridors; injurious accidents; property damage; and diminution of property values.

B. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated below:

1. **AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR** – an individual who (1) pursues an interest in radio technique as a personal aim without pecuniary interest and (2) holds an amateur operator license granted by the United States Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”).
2. **AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA** – any wire, set of wires, or exterior apparatus, designed, constructed, or used for amateur radio communications through the sending and/or receiving of electromagnetic waves.
3. **AMATEUR RADIO TOWER** – any structure designed, constructed, or used for the purpose of supporting one or more amateur radio antennas.

C. General Provisions:

1. No amateur radio antenna, or amateur radio tower, having any dimension greater than 5 feet shall be constructed or modified by any entity or individual (hereinafter the “applicant”) unless the applicant has obtained a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals and site plan approval from the Planning Board pursuant to the provisions of this section.
2. Permits and approvals granted pursuant to this section are not transferable and may not be conveyed with ownership of a permitted amateur radio tower or amateur radio antenna.
3. No amateur radio antenna or tower permitted under this section shall be nearer to any property line, existing building, or way (public or private) than a distance equal to twice the vertical distance from the highest point of the antenna or tower, whichever is higher, to the mean finished grade at the base of the antenna or tower, whichever is lower.
4. Only one amateur radio tower shall be permitted per lot. An applicant may obtain an exemption from this restriction upon a showing that the type of amateur radio communications that the applicant wishes to engage in requires more than one amateur radio tower be placed on a lot.
5. Amateur radio antennas and amateur radio towers permitted under this section may only be used by amateur radio operators as a personal aim without pecuniary interest. No antenna or tower permitted under this section may be used for commercial purposes.
6. Antennas and towers commonly and universally associated with those that one finds in a factory area or an industrialized complex shall not be permitted in residential zones.
7. The height regulation set forth in ~171-9(c ) shall not apply to amateur radio towers permitted under this section.

D. Submittal Requirements

1. As part of any application for a permit, applicants shall submit, at a minimum, the information required for site plan approval, as set forth herein at ~171-17, as may be amended. Applicants shall also describe the capacity of any proposed tower, including the number and types of antennas that it can accommodate and the basis for the calculation of capacity, and any accessory structures. For applications involving proposed or existing amateur radio towers with a height in excess of 55 feet, all calculations shall be certified by, and bear the stamp or seal of, a professional engineer licensed in Massachusetts.
2. All applications for amateur radio antennas or towers shall be made and filed on the application forms for site plan and special permit approval in accordance with ~171-17 and ~171-31 of the Whately Zoning Bylaws. In addition to the foregoing, five copies of

the following documentation must be submitted for an application to be considered complete::

- a. Proof that the applicant holds an amateur radio operator's license issued by the FCC and that the applicant is in good standing with the FCC.
  - b. A locus plan at a scale of one inch equals 200 feet which shall show all property lines, the exact location of any proposed antennas or towers, street landscape features, residential dwellings on abutting lots and all buildings within 500 feet of any proposed antennas or towers.
  - c. A color photograph or rendition of any proposed antennas or towers in their proposed location. A rendition shall also be prepared that illustrates any proposed antennas or towers from the nearest street or streets.
  - d. Applicants seeking permits to construct or alter amateur radio towers with a height in excess of 55 feet shall submit the following additional documentation:
    - i. A description of any proposed towers or antennas and the technical, economic, or other reasons for the proposed location, height, and design.
    - ii. Confirmation that proposed towers or antennas comply with all applicable federal and state standards.
    - iii. A description of the capacity of any proposed antennas or towers including the number and type of panels, antennas and transmitter receivers that can be accommodated, the radio frequency coverage, and the basis for these calculations.
    - iv. A written statement that the proposed facility complies with, or is exempt from, applicable regulations administered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
- E. Review. The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals will review applications submitted pursuant to the provisions of this section based on the criteria listed below. The Planning Board, through the site plan review, may impose reasonable conditions, including height restrictions, to accomplish the purposes of this bylaw and the purposes of ~171-17.
1. Whether the proposed facility or modification complies with all local, state, and federal rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the general provisions of this section.
  2. Whether existing on-site vegetation will be preserved to the maximum extent practicable.
  3. Whether the plan minimizes, to the maximum extent feasible, adverse visual effects.
  4. Whether the plan minimizes, to the maximum extent feasible, adverse effects on environmentally sensitive areas.
  5. Whether the plan minimizes, to the maximum extent feasible, adverse effects on nearby historical areas.
  6. Whether the proposed or existing facility will be, or is, owned and operated by a licensed amateur radio operator.

**Article 13.** Upon motion made and seconded it was

Voted to adopt Section 18 of Mass General Laws Chapter 32B which requires that all eligible retirees enroll in Medicare Part B.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn this meeting to June 22, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Whately Elementary School. This meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

**Annual Town Meeting**  
**June 22, 2006**  
**Continuation of Adjourned Session from April 25, 2006**

Moderator, Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr. called this continued session of Annual Town Meeting to order at 7 p.m. He appointed Nicholas Jones and William Smith as tellers. Virginia Allis and Katherine Fleuriel checked in voters and issued placards. There were 80 voters checked in for this continued session of town meeting.

**Article 6.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town fix the salaries or compensation of the elected officers of the town for Fiscal Year 2007 as indicated in the column captioned "FY 07 Non-Contingent Salary" and that the amounts shown in the column captioned "FY07 Contingent Salary" be appropriated from the tax levy contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ referendum question under General Law Chapter 59 Section 21C.

	<b>FY07 Non- Contingent Salary</b>	<b>FY07 Contingent Salary</b>
Moderator	\$100	
Selectmen - Chair	0	\$1,525
Members	0	\$1,400
Town Clerk	\$13,709	
Assessors - Chair	\$1,525	
Members	\$1,400	
Water Commissioners		\$600
School Committee		\$300
Elector: Oliver Smith Will	\$10	
Board of Health - Chair		\$725
Members		\$600
Constables	\$11.33/hour	
Cemetery Commissioners - Sextons	\$10.28/hour	
Opening Graves Fee	\$500/grave	

**Article 7.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town act on the report of the Finance Committee on the Fiscal Year 2007 budget. The Finance Committee recommends that the amounts shown in the column captioned "FY07 Non-Contingent Appropriations" be funded by raising and appropriating \$3,776,446.83 and transferring from Stabilization the sum of \$29,000 for FY07 departmental operating purposes, debt service and other town expenses, and that the amounts shown in the column captioned "FY07 Contingent Appropriations" be appropriated from the tax levy contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ referendum question under General Laws Chapter 59 Section 21C. Each line item was discussed separately and voted by section. (Vote was unanimous.)

Note. Article requires a 2/3 vote due to the transfer from Stabilization of \$29,000.

	<b>Non-Contingent FY 07</b>	<b>FY07 Contingent Passage of 2 ½ Override</b>
<b>Gen. Govt.</b>		
Selectmen's Office	\$52,675	\$10,325.00
Legal Counsel	5,000	2,500.00
Audit	5,000	
Town Report	-0-	2,400.00
Town Bldg. Oper.	18,900	
Town Clerk	19,910	
Town Accountant	16,524	
Accounting Software Support	1,000	
Payroll Preparation	2,800	
Treasurer/Collector	36,267	
Tax Takings	1,000	
Assessors (including revaluation.)	26,397	
Planning Board	1,885	
Zoning Bd. Appeals	1,168	
Finance Comm.	150	
Moderator	100	
Cons. Comm.	500	
Historical Comm.	200	
Community Calendar	353	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$189,829</b>	<b>\$15,225</b>

<b>Culture &amp; Rec. Services</b>		
Tri-Town Beach	\$3,850	
Recreation Comm.		\$3,600
Cemetery Comm.	0	
Library	7,000	28,644
Council on Aging	3,322	
Veterans	4,327	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$18,499</b>	<b>\$32,244</b>

<b>Public Health</b>		
Board of Health	\$ 308	\$1,947
Health Agent	11,086	
Solid Waste Disposal.	24,500	1,000
Hazardous Waste	750	
FC Waste Dist.	3,684	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$40,328</b>	<b>\$2947</b>

<b>Public Safety</b>		
Fire	\$26,798	\$2,977
Ambulance	17,307	1,923
Police	83,896	14,000

	<b>Non-Contingent FY 07</b>	<b>FY07 Contingent Passage of 2 ½</b>
Quinn Bill Incentive	6,740	
Animal Control	2,117	235
Animal Inspection	309	
Emergency Mgt.	935	
FC Inspection Program.	35,182	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$173,284</b>	<b>\$19,135</b>

### **Public Works**

#### **Highway Dept.**

Salaries		
Gen. Highways		
Winter Roads		
Road Machinery		
Garage Maint.		
Trees		
<b>Total Highway Department</b>	<b>\$245,781</b>	<b>\$27,308</b>

#### **Water Dept.**

Salaries	20,570	1,827
Operations	20,700	2,300
<b>Total Water Dept.</b>	<b>41,270</b>	<b>\$ 4,127</b>
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>\$287,051</b>	<b>\$31,435</b>

### **Ins. & Benefits**

Property & Liability Ins.	\$55,000
Employee Health Ins.	258,000
Medicare & Social Security	14,000
Workers Comp. Ins.	12,000
Life	1,260
Unemployment Ins.	1,000
Retirement	82,541

**Sub-Total:** **\$423,801**

### **Unclassified**

Temp. Loan Interest	\$3,000	
Reserve Fund	20,000	
FR Council of Govt.	16,083.33	
Physicals & Tests	750	
Town Vehicles Fuel	20,000	\$5,000
Educational Incentives (T. Clerk)	1,000	
3 % COLA		

	<b>Non-Contingent FY 07</b>	<b>FY07 Contingent Passage of 2 ½</b>
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$60,833.33</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Total Town Govt.:</b>	<b>\$1,193,625.33</b>	<b>\$105986</b>
<b>Schools</b>		
<b>Elementary</b>	<b>\$1,175,937</b>	<b>\$57,356</b>
Frontier Operating	\$853,243	
Frontier Transportation	8,983	
<b>Total Frontier</b>	<b>\$862,226</b>	
<b>Franklin County Tech. School</b>	<b>\$85,353</b>	
<b>Smith Vocational Tuition</b>	<b>\$31,000</b>	
<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>\$2,154,516</b>	<b>\$57,356</b>
<b>Debt</b>		
Water System Bond	\$112,362.50	
Whately Elem. School Bond	284,400	
Frontier Bond	110,543	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$507,305.50</b>	
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$3,855,446.83</b>	<b>\$163,342</b>

**Article 8.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer the sum of **\$50,000** from the Town Hall Renovation Design account towards funding the FY07 Omnibus budget.

**Article 9.** Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,204** for its share of renovations of the former East Whately Elementary School, currently the offices of the Frontier Regional School District.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn without date at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn M. Sibley, Town Clerk

## Board of Assessors

The Board inspected eighty-four homes and businesses during the spring and summer, mostly homes with new growth—renovations, additions, new construction—and those that had sold in the past year. Once again sales figures continued to show that values had risen, though a slowdown in sales has been occurring. As sales prices did rise, we made an interim adjustment to raise all land values. Again we worked with Mayflower Valuation Ltd in determining these adjustments. The tax rate remained at \$15.31 per thousand for fiscal year 2007. Town valuation by class is as follows:

Residential	\$162,287,035
Commercial	15,750,922
Industrial	15,165,446
Personal	<u>4,662,103</u>
Total	\$197,865,506

The assessors' office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 5 o'clock and Tuesday evenings 7 to 9. The Board reminds residents that the assessors will be making inspections Tuesday evenings starting in April 2007 and will continue throughout the summer until the evenings are too dark. During the summer the assessors are back in the office shortly before 9 o'clock. From Christmas until the end of March, the Board meets every other Tuesday evening, although the office is generally open Tuesday evening.

Robert P Bourke, Chairman  
Katherine E Fleuriel  
Christine H Langford  
Cynthia Herbert, Assistant Assessor

23 January 2007

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR						
JULY 1, 2005 - JUNE 30, 2006						
YEAR	TYPE OF TAX	COMMITTED 7/1/05	TAX PAID	ABATEMENTS EXEMPTIONS	REFUNDS	TAX TITLES
2006	REAL ESTATE	\$2,782,597.88	\$2,711,617.12	\$12,611.55	\$4,025.19	\$4,970.40
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$70,892.86	\$69,404.88	\$606.34		\$57,424.00
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$178,542.43	\$165,227.28	\$4,898.43	\$1,970.96	\$881.64
	WATER	\$77,745.38	\$75,795.53	\$1,140.65		\$10,387.68
	FARM ANIMAL, MACH AND EQUIP EXCISE	\$6,919.50	\$6,919.50			\$809.20
						\$0.00
2005	REAL ESTATE	\$58,021.83	\$32,912.29			\$25,109.54
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$653.19	\$347.11	\$77.98		\$228.10
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$42,413.17	\$38,932.00	\$1,643.97	\$1,320.64	\$3,157.84
	WATER	\$2,063.02	\$1,744.52	\$77.00		\$241.50
2004	REAL ESTATE	\$22,889.85	\$19,882.15	\$95.30		\$2,912.40
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$96.81		\$96.81		\$0.00
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$4,065.02	\$2,820.75	\$68.75		\$1,244.27
2003	REAL ESTATE	\$724.12	\$724.12			
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$721.47	\$187.39			
2002	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$741.14		\$101.25		\$639.89
2001	PERS. PROP. MOTOR VEHICLE	\$760.00 \$282.71		\$48.96		\$760.00 \$233.75
2000	PERS PROP. MOTOR VEHICLE	\$323.67 \$344.38				\$323.67 \$344.38

**TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**BANK ACCOUNTS – FY 2006**

<b>BANK</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
	7/1/2005	6/30/2006
<b>BANK OF WESTERN MA</b>		
GENERAL CASH	\$ 721,501.65	\$ 230,236.69
CHECKING	\$ 92,693.39	\$ 0.00
SEPTIC PROGRAM	\$ 14,633.54	\$ 15,707.92
HOWARD HOXIE		
GARDEN FUND	\$ 3,536.78	\$ 3,548.08
<b>CITIZEN'S BANK</b>		
GENERAL CHECKING	\$ 1,134.17	\$ 1,151.05
<b>FLEET BANK</b>		
MONEY MARKET	\$ 7,114.37	\$ 0.00
CHECKING	\$ .33	\$ 0.00
ARTS LOTTERY	\$ 881.94	\$ 0.00
SEPTIC	\$ 476.27	\$ 0.00
LOAN ACCOUNT	\$ 4,858.09	\$ 0.00
<b>BERKSHIRE BANK</b>		
GENERAL FUND	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,304.29
SEPTIC/FEE ACCT	\$ 0.00	\$ 489.22
ARTS LOTTERY	\$ 0.00	\$ 905.92
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>		
MMDT GENERAL REVENUE	\$ 118,121.68	\$ 396,036.06
MMDT (FROM PAGE 2)	\$ 457,760.07	\$ 450,232.38
 <b>CHECKS OUTSTANDING</b>	 \$ (83,289.90)	 \$ (80,564.46)
<b>PETTY CASH</b>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	 \$1,339,922.38	 \$1,030,547.15

## TRUST FUND BALANCES

JAMES FILIPKOWSKI MEMORIAL BOOK FUND	\$ 4,447.48
STABILIZATION FUND	\$222,294.60
A/C S. WHITE DICKINSON LIBRARY	\$100,390.44
JOSEPH & JOSIE MAIEWSKI LIBRARY FUND	\$ 3,194.58
BARNARD FUND FBO WHTELY CONG CHURCH	\$ 1,098.34
A/C PAUL F. FIELD LIBRARY	\$ 14,936.97
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE A/C	\$ 68,207.82
S. WHITE DICKINSON AGED PERS FUND	\$ 7,524.35
A/C DAVENPORT POOR & SCHOOL FUND	\$ 2,513.70
ENA CANE MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 9,639.99
AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT FUND	\$ 126.11
ANNIE C. DANFORTH LIBRARY FUND	\$ 954.02
WHATELY GRANGE MONUMENT FUND	\$ 143.55
ALICE RYAN ROBINSON	\$ 3,480.31
DAMON LIBRARY FUND	\$ 10,254.65
KANDSZ LIBRARY FUND	\$ 1,025.47
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:	\$450,232.38

**Balance Sheet**  
for the Year Ended June 30, 2006

<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenues</b>	<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	<b>Long-Term Debt</b>
Cash, Petty	300.00	200.00		
Cash, Pooled	440,979.27	139,794.49	449,316.27	1,030,090.03
2006 Personal Property	881.64			
2005 Personal Property	228.10			
2004 Personal Property	0.00			
2003 Personal Property	0.00			
Prior Years	1,083.67			
Total Personal Property	2,193.41			
2006 Real Estate	57,423.97			
2005 Real Estate	25,109.54			
2004 Real Estate	2,912.40			
2003 Real Estate	0.00			
2002 Real Estate	0.00			
Prior Year	0.00			
Total Real Estate	85,445.91			
2006 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-1,506.23			
2005 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-2,546.21			
2004 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-3,156.15			
2003 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-2,224.83			
Prior Years	-1,083.67			
Total Allow for Abate/Exempt	-10,517.09			
Tax Liens	44,749.01			
Tax Takings	571.56			
2006 Motor Vehicle Excise	10,387.68			
2005 Motor Vehicle Excise	3,157.84			
2004 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,244.27			
2003 Motor Vehicle Excise	534.08			
Prior Year	1,218.02			
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	16,541.89			
Water Rates	1,050.70			
Prepaid Expenses	368.43			
Due from General Fund			2,781.14	
Highway Grants Receivable		76,713.70		
To Be Provided-Long Term Debt				1,095,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>581,683.09</b>	<b>216,708.19</b>	<b>452,097.41</b>	<b>1,095,000.00</b>

**Balance Sheet**  
for the Year Ended June 30, 2006

<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenues</b>	<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	<b>Long-Term Debt</b>
Warrants Payable	54,310.83	2,302.54	452.71	
Accrued Payroll	41,566.67			
Abandoned Property (Tailings)	941.41			
Payroll Withholdings	11,417.11			
Def.Rev - Property & RE Tax	77,122.23			
Def.Rev - Tax Liens	44,749.01			
Def.Rev - Motor Vehicle Excise	16,541.89			
Def.Rev.- Tax Possession	571.56			
Def.Rev. Water Rates	1,050.70			
School Building Debt				770,000.00
Water Bond				325,000.00
Due to Stabilization	2,781.14			
Revolving Police			0.00	
Deputy Tax Collector			-12.00	
Town Clerk's Fees			0.00	
Due to State - Fish/Wildlife			0.00	
Due to State - Firearms			0.00	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>251,052.55</b>	<b>2,302.54</b>	<b>440.71</b>	<b>1,095,000.00</b>

**Balance Sheet**  
for the Year Ended June 30, 2006

<b><u>FUND EQUITY</u></b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenues</b>	<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	<b>Long-Term Debt</b>
Reserve for Encumbrances	91,339.05			
Undesignated Fund Balance	239,291.49			
Grant/Gift Account Balances		89,731.39		
School Revolving/Grants		94,942.32		
Recreation Revolving		3,014.86		
Library Revolving		286.65		
Public Hearing Revolving		-214.11		
Road Machinery Fund		2,077.68		
Sale of Cemetery Lots		10,880.00		
Septic Loan Fund Balance		13,686.86		
Exxon Donation			500.00	
Stabilization			225,075.74	
Expendable Trust			77,745.84	
Non-Expendable Trust			148,335.12	
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>330,630.54</b>	<b>214,405.65</b>	<b>451,656.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL LIAB &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>581,683.09</b>	<b>216,708.19</b>	<b>452,097.41</b>	<b>1,095,000.00</b>
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Balance Sheet  
for the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

Balance 7/1/07	422,626.47
Audit Adjustments	5,412.76
FY06 Encumbrances	85,511.93
FY06 Carryfwd	59,927.50
Sources of Funds(stabilization)	31,031.86
Uses of Funds (stabilization)	(50,000.00)
FY07 Carryfwd	(91,339.05)
FY06 Revenue	3,905,145.25
FY06 Expenditures	(4,129,025.23)
	239,291.49

**Balance Sheet**  
**for the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

**Revolving/Gift Accounts**

Cultural Council	808.34
Dog Fines Revolving	3,178.00
Wetlands Protection	3,504.11
Barn Preservation	5.00
Master Plan Grant	1,834.72
Strategic Planning Grant	439.47
PEG Capital Fund	18,000.00
PEG Access Payment Fund	9,343.76
DARE Grant	1,091.48
Community Policing Grant	33,715.51
DWI Speeding Grant	-612.80
Cruiser Fees for Details	210.14
Law Enforcement Trust	86.38
Firefighter Safety Grant	349.55
Fire Dept. Donations	472.17
Cemetery Donation	1,000.00
Insurance Proceeds	608.73
MRF Mini Grant	930.76
CDAG Fund Balance	181.74
Div of Medical Assistance	1,936.44
Hoxie Garden Gift	3,548.07
State Library Grant	156.78
Library Incentive Grant	2,988.87
Municipal Equalization Grant	3,554.45
Non-resident Circulation	1,200.51
Library Lions Club Donations	91.95
Library Donations	670.29
Summer Reading Program	436.97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89,731.39</b>

**Balance Sheet**  
**for the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

**School Revolving/Grants**

FB State Circuit Breaker	16,788.88
FB School Choice Revolving	43,344.20
FB REAP Program	8,687.52
Sped Assist Grant	(1,251.03)
PTO Donation Library	7.00
21st CCLC Grant-After School	(251.48)
After School Program	9,137.94
Early Childhood Tuition	17,232.61
Damaged School Books	503.90
School Building Use	2,343.20
Blazer Wish List	7.94
FB Perfidio Library	64.95
FB DeGregorio Donation	350.00
Orloski Library Donation	55.71
Helstowski Donations	60.24
Nature's Classroom	284.00
Dog Fund - School	347.69
Playground Fund	312.50
Palmer Fortune Donation Acct	200.00
School Lunch	(2,229.76)
Full Day Kindergarten	(635.70)
Walmart Gift	500.00
Grant Funded Teacher Stipends	(917.99)
	94,942.32

Budget vs Actual  
June 30, 2006

	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>				
01-5-610-7 Library	\$35,644.00	(\$35,642.86)	\$1.14	0
01-5-630-6 Tri-Town Beach	\$3,850.00	(\$3,312.43)	\$537.57	13
01-5-630-6 Tri-Town Beach Prior Year	\$241.00	\$0.00	\$241.00	100
01-5-630-7 Recreation Commission	\$5,500.00	(\$4,690.15)	\$809.85	14
01-5-691-7 Historical Commission	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	100
Total	\$45,435.00	(\$43,645.44)	\$1,789.56	
<b>Debt Service</b>				
01-5-710-9 Water Sys. Prin. & Int.	\$109,800.00	(\$109,800.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-710-9 New School Prin. & Int.	\$414,093.00	(\$414,093.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-710-9 Fire Truck Prin. & Int.	\$46,310.00	(\$46,310.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-752-9 Temp. Loan Interest	\$3,000.00	(\$2,635.05)	\$364.95	12
Total	\$573,203.00	(\$572,838.05)	\$364.95	
<b>Education</b>				
01-5-300-7 Whately Elementary School	\$1,179,510.00	(\$1,100,527.05)	\$78,982.95	6
01-5-310-6 Frontier Regional Oper	\$834,365.00	(\$828,527.68)	\$5,837.32	0
01-5-320-6 F.C. Tech School Operation	\$104,713.00	(\$104,713.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-320-6 F.C. Tech Capital Assessment	\$2,924.00	(\$2,923.00)	\$1.00	0
01-5-325-0 Smith Vocational Tuition	\$38,218.86	(\$38,218.86)	\$0.00	0
Total	\$2,159,730.86	(\$2,074,909.59)	\$84,821.27	

Budget vs Actual  
June 30, 2006

<u>Encumberances</u>	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-122-7 Selectmen's Office Encumbered	\$2,500.00	(\$1,314.59)	\$1,185.41	47
01-5-135-7 Town Acct Encumbered	\$243.98	(\$236.99)	\$6.99	2
01-5-146-7 Town Treasurer Encumbered	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-176-7 Planning Board Encumbered	\$2,207.13	(\$2,000.00)	\$207.13	9
01-5-300-7 School Exp - Encumbrance	\$79,010.88	(\$75,798.52)	\$3,212.36	4
01-5-320-6 F.C. Tech Other Costs Encumber	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-433-3 Solid Waste Encumbered	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-491-7 Cemetery Comm Encumbered	\$1,049.94	(\$1,049.94)	\$0.00	0
01-5-999-7 Available Funds to Fund FY05	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00	100
Total	\$99,511.93	(\$80,900.04)	\$18,611.89	
<u>General Government</u>	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-114-1 Moderator	\$103.00	(\$100.00)	\$3.00	2
01-5-122-3 Community Calendar	\$342.00	(\$257.04)	\$84.96	24
01-5-122-7 Selectmen's Office	\$63,211.00	(\$59,295.38)	\$3,915.62	6
01-5-131-7 Finance Committee	\$150.00	(\$135.00)	\$15.00	10
01-5-132-7 Reserve Fund	\$3,843.12	(\$9.00)	\$3,834.12	99
01-5-135-3 Audit Town Finance	\$10,500.00	(\$10,500.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-135-7 Town Accountant	\$15,750.00	(\$15,731.10)	\$18.90	0

**Budget vs Actual  
June 30, 2006**

01-5-135-7 Town Accountant Printer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-141-7 Assessors	\$26,397.00	(\$23,860.28)	\$2,536.72	9
01-5-145-7 Town Treasurer	\$35,267.00	(\$34,433.47)	\$833.53	2
01-5-145-7 Tax Takings	\$2,000.00	(\$150.00)	\$1,850.00	92
01-5-149-0 Accounting Software	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-151-3 Legal Counsel	\$6,000.00	(\$3,107.87)	\$2,892.13	48
01-5-161-7 Town Clerk	\$19,910.00	(\$17,833.35)	\$2,076.65	10
01-5-161-7 Town Clerk - Educ Incentive	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-161-7 Records Preservation	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-171-7 Conservation Commission	\$500.00	(\$149.88)	\$350.12	70
01-5-175-7 Planning Board	\$1,885.00	(\$1,056.55)	\$828.45	43
01-5-176-7 Zoning Board of Appeal	\$1,168.00	(\$1,074.05)	\$93.95	8
01-5-192-0 Town Hall Renovation Design	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	100
01-5-192-7 Town Bldg Operations	\$21,900.00	(\$20,589.20)	\$1,310.80	5
01-5-192-7 Town Vehicles Fuel	\$23,421.00	(\$23,419.13)	\$1.87	0
01-5-193-7 Prop.& Liab. Insurance	\$47,568.00	(\$47,568.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-195-7 Town Report	\$2,400.00	(\$2,399.99)	\$0.01	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$334,365.12</b>	<b>(\$263,719.29)</b>	<b>\$70,645.83</b>	

**Budget vs Actual  
June 30, 2006**

**Human Services**  
01-5-510-2 Health Agent

	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-510-2 Health Agent	\$14,874.04	(\$14,874.04)	\$0.00	0
01-5-510-2 Health Agent Prior Year	\$6,468.00	(\$6,468.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-510-7 Board of Health	\$2,319.20	(\$2,319.20)	\$0.00	0
01-5-541-7 Council on Aging	\$2,823.25	(\$2,823.25)	\$0.00	0
01-5-543-7 Veteran's Benefits	\$3,615.00	(\$3,615.00)	\$0.00	0
Total	\$30,099.49	(\$30,099.49)	\$0.00	

**Intergovernmental Expenses**

	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-820-6 School Choice	\$121,356.00	(\$117,263.00)	\$4,093.00	3
01-5-820-6 Air Poll. Control Dist	\$386.00	(\$386.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-820-6 RMV Non-renewal Fees	\$1,100.00	(\$660.00)	\$440.00	40
01-5-820-6 STRAP Repayment Plan	\$15,000.00	(\$15,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-820-6 Regional Transit Author	\$1,107.00	(\$1,107.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-999-6 Franklin Reg. Council	\$14,147.00	(\$14,146.57)	\$0.43	0
01-5-999-9 Appropriations Control	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Total	\$153,096.00	(\$148,562.57)	\$4,533.43	

## Budget vs Actual June 30, 2006

<u>Pensions, Insurance &amp; Benefits</u>	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-911-1 Franklin Retirement	\$87,374.00	(\$87,374.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-912-1 Worker's Comp. Insur	\$10,435.70	(\$10,435.70)	\$0.00	0
01-5-913-1 Unemployment Compensation	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	100
01-5-914-1 Employee Health Insurance	\$230,116.72	(\$226,253.82)	\$3,862.90	1
01-5-914-1 Town Share of Medi & Fica	\$14,883.28	(\$14,883.28)	\$0.00	0
01-5-914-1 Life Insurance	\$1,200.00	(\$1,097.46)	\$102.54	8
01-5-915-1 Physicals & Tests	\$1,365.00	(\$1,350.00)	\$15.00	1
Total	\$346,374.70	(\$341,394.26)	\$4,980.44	
<u>Protection of Persons &amp; Property</u>	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-210-7 Police Department	\$97,896.00	(\$97,560.29)	\$335.71	0
01-5-220-7 Fire	\$29,775.00	(\$29,362.70)	\$412.30	1
01-5-231-1 Ambulance	\$19,230.00	(\$15,704.39)	\$3,525.61	18
01-5-241-7 Franklin Inspect. Prog	\$32,332.00	(\$32,331.72)	\$0.28	0
01-5-249-1 Animal Inspector	\$300.00	(\$300.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-291-7 Emergency Management	\$935.00	(\$809.25)	\$125.75	13
01-5-292-7 Animal Control Officer	\$2,352.00	(\$1,808.59)	\$543.41	23
01-5-294-7 Tree Dept	\$3,600.00	(\$3,600.00)	\$0.00	0
Total	\$186,420.00	(\$181,476.94)	\$4,943.06	

## Budget vs Actual June 30, 2006

<u>Public Works and Facilities</u>	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-422-1 Highway Salaries	\$104,266.00	(\$103,137.46)	\$1,128.54	1
01-5-422-7 General Highway	\$59,031.00	(\$56,779.01)	\$2,251.99	3
01-5-422-7 Road Machinery	\$17,675.00	(\$16,956.67)	\$718.33	4
01-5-422-7 Garage Maintenance	\$5,695.00	(\$5,484.92)	\$210.08	3
01-5-422-7 Hwy Dept 1/5 Leaves Loader	\$24,000.00	(\$23,999.94)	\$0.06	0
01-5-422-7 Hwy Dept Floor Drain Upgrade	\$3,917.50	(\$2,994.50)	\$923.00	23
01-5-423-7 Winter Roads	\$82,063.00	(\$80,393.92)	\$1,669.08	2
01-5-431-3 FC Solid Waste District	\$33,531.00	(\$3,531.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-433-3 Solid Waste Disposal	\$25,772.00	(\$24,303.23)	\$1,468.77	5
01-5-433-3 Hazardous Waste Collection	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-450-1 Water Dept Salaries	\$22,344.00	(\$22,299.90)	\$44.10	0
01-5-450-7 Water Dept Operations	\$27,795.00	(\$27,739.88)	\$55.12	0
01-5-450-7 Water Dept Pumps	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-491-7 Cemetery Commission	\$5,620.00	(\$5,539.44)	\$80.56	1
Total	\$382,209.50	(\$373,659.87)		
<u>Special Articles</u>	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-192-0 Police Station Design	\$1,200.00	(\$570.00)	\$630.00	52
01-5-210-2 PD Quinn Bill	\$6,740.00	(\$6,740.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-210-7 Police Cruiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0

Budget vs Actual  
June 30, 2006

01-5-220-2 Air Bottles Fire Dept	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-300-7 Playground Equip - Elementary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-310-6 Frontier District Off Renovate	\$10,000.00	(\$10,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-422-7 1-Ton Dump Truck	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	100
01-5-491-1 Veteran's Grave Markers	\$509.69	(\$509.69)	\$0.00	0
Total	\$25,449.69	(\$17,819.69)	\$7,630.00	
Grand Total	\$4,335,895.29	(\$4,129,025.23)	\$206,870.06	

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**Tri-Town Beach District  
& Summer Swim  
Program  
2006**

Commissioners:

**Deerfield**

Sharyn A. Paciorek  
Edith Ostrowski Dana  
Lavigne

**Whately**

William Skroski, Chairman of Beach District  
Betty Orloski-Perfido Suzanne Cycz

The Tri-Town Beach district had a great 2006 summer season. The residents of Deerfield and Whately were provided with a well maintained facility and a safe environment for our communities.

Throughout the season, **weekly** water testing resulted in meeting recommended state guidelines, the maintenance of the facility, as well as the work of the lifeguards and gatekeepers has provided a safe and clean environment for visitors to enjoy.

The community involvement in our programs is very gratifying, as we will continue to strive to provide a fun and safe recreational environment. Our swim program runs for eight weeks (four sessions in two week intervals). For residents of Deerfield and Whately, lessons remained at \$30.00 per child. This program, thanks to our Head Instructor Tina Ridell, along with the assistance of our two other instructors Jay and Kelly Jankowski, instructed over 200 participants! Mindful of our responsibility to patrons and the community we also provide Red Cross safety and water skills training. The skills are vital for all ages, and are a valuable service to the community. The Commissioners are pleased to be able to keep this tradition alive.

At Tri-Town Beach District, we continually try to keep fees for use at reasonable levels. Residents from Sunderland, Conway and Hatfield pay a rate of \$50.00 for a beach pass. Deerfield and Whately residents pay a family rate of \$30.00 for a seasonal beach pass to enjoy the facility. Seniors pay \$10.00 for a season pass, allowing a wider range of age groups access to the beach. Group rates for organizations are available upon request.

Several organizations utilize the beach for recreational and professional use. Deerfield, Sunderland, and Whately schools enjoyed a **field day** event with games, lunch and lots of swimming for the kids, the Northfield Dive and Rescue Team

and the Massachusetts State Police Dive Team do search and rescue drills both in summer and winter, as well as performing much needed scans of the lake bottom to assure everyone of the safety monitoring of the entire area as well. Jimmy Ryan from the Northfield Dive and Rescue Team offered to repair our dock and secure it after the season. The Commissioners would like to thank these groups and individuals **for their** willingness to assist in the maintenance and support of the Beach.

Each year we host an Appreciation Day for all our townspeople. We open our gates to all of you to enjoy a **great** cookout and recognize a special member of the community. This year, Ed Crafts from Deerfield was our guest of honor, over the years an increasing number of folks join us and we encourage more and more of you to come. A great deal of planning and preparation goes into the event, and with the help of the staff and volunteers, business owners and visitors, alike we strive to make this a great way to bring our towns **together**. The commissioners provided the food, while Elm Farm Bakery donated a cake. We want to extend our appreciation to all of our towns people who participate to make our Beach a wonderful place to spend the summer.

As commissioners we are proud to serve on this board and to live in such great communities.

Deerfield Commissioners,  
Sharyn A. Paciorek Edith  
Ostrowski Dana lavigne

Whately Commissioners,  
William Skroski-Chairp  
Betty Orloski-Perfido  
Suzanne Cycz



Come a few minutes early to town meeting for:

**Coffee and Dessert**  
April 26<sup>th</sup>   6:30-7:00pm  
**in the school cafeteria**

Sponsored by the Whately Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)



## CHILDCARE AVAILABLE AT TOWN MEETING

The Whately PTO will sponsor free childcare during town meeting. As in years past, the children will be in the after-school room with access to the playground (weather permitting). Supervision is lead by one of the after-school teachers), assisted by numerous experienced high-school-age helpers.



Please call Joyce at 665-6739 to reserve a space for your child or children. , Please feel free to call if you would like more information on the childcare arrangements or if you can suggest the name of a helper or lead teacher.



## Comments About the Warrant

Attached is an informational warrant. The Final warrant will be posted at the Town Hall, Post Office, Library and Center School Offices on the evening of April 18<sup>th</sup>. It is unlikely that there will be any major changes to this informational warrant. This warrant presents a worst case scenario for our budget. We are still unsure of our State Aid figures and it is the Finance Committee and Selectmen's recommendation that monetary articles be postponed to a reconvened session of town meeting in June when the State's budget should be finalized. The most additional aid we can expect is about \$60,000. Presently our budget shortfall as noted in the Finance Committee report is \$240,000. This means that even with some additional state aid our budget will still be \$180,000 out of balance.

The Operating Budget appears under Article 7. Included in this budget is one column that is titled FY07 Non-contingent Appropriations. This is the amount that we can afford to fund without an override. The FY07 Contingent Appropriations column indicates those departmental budgets or portions of budgets that will require an override vote for funding. The override vote has not been scheduled as of yet.

At town meeting an additional handout will be available to show what cuts each department will make if the override does not pass. This handout will also show approximately how much it will raise the tax rate to fund each department's override amount.

Although the budget will not be taken up until June, we hope that you will all still come to Town Meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Whately Elementary School to vote on some housekeeping issues along with the Aquifer Protection Bylaw, Amateur Radio Bylaw and the Right to Farm Bylaw. These are also very important to the future of the Town of Whately. An article on the warrant also addresses a debt exclusion vote for the conversion of the Whately Youth Center into the Whately Police Station. A presentation will be made on this important project. Childcare will be available for the evening and we encourage everyone to attend.

The map for the aquifer protection district can be viewed at the Post Office, Library and Center School Offices.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 665-4400.

Lynn Sibley  
Town Administrator

**Town of Whately  
Annual Town Meeting Warrant  
April 25, 2006**

**INFORMATIONAL WARRANT**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Franklin, SS.**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Whately in the County of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the **Whately Elementary School, 273 Long Plain Road in Whately on Tuesday, the twenty fifth day of April next, at seven o'clock in the afternoon**, then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the Annual Reports of the officers of the Town, and to hear any other reports of the Boards and Committees, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Finance Committee*

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2006, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Finance Committee*

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements with banking institutions having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during Fiscal Year 2007, as permitted by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 (F), or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Finance Committee*

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state or private grant monies on behalf of the Town and authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Finance Committee*

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving funds for certain town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 s. 53 E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Finance Committee*

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY2007 Spending Limit	Disposition of FY06 Fund Balance	Spending Restrictions or Comments
Dog Licensing and Control Revolving Fund	Town Clerk Animal Control Officer	Dog license fees, fines and late charges.	Any lawful expense related to dog licensing, animal control officer operating expenses, or any expense related to the implementation of the town's Dog Control By-law	\$1,000	\$1,000 of balance available for expenditure, remainder to revert to General Fund	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Recreation Revolving Fund	Recreation Commission by majority vote of its membership	Sports program registration fees, building and park rental fees, donations and proceeds from fund-raisers	Any lawful expense related to the activities, programs, and facilities operated by the Recreation Commission	\$10,000	Balance available for expenditure	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Library Revolving Fund	Trustees of S. W. Dickinson Memorial Library, by majority vote of its membership	Fees from overdue books and videos and fees from copy machine use	Any lawful expense associated with the activities and programs of the S. W. Dickinson Memorial Library	\$1,000	Balance available for expenditure	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Public Hearings Revolving Fund	Town Clerk	Fees for costs of public hearings	Costs related to hearings: advertising, recording fees, and other expenses	\$2500	Balance available for expenditure.	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Total Spending:				<b>\$14,500</b>		

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will fix the salaries or compensation of the elected officers of the town for Fiscal Year 2007 as follows in the column captioned "FY 07 Non-Contingent Salary" and that the amounts shown in the column captioned "FY07 Contingent Salary" be appropriated from the tax levy contingent upon the passage of Proposition 2 ½ referendum questions for each of the departments under General Laws Chapter 59 Section 21C or take any other action relative thereto..

	<u>FY07 Non-Contingent Salary</u>	<u>FY07 Contingent Salary</u>
Moderator	\$100	
Selectmen - Chair	0	\$1,525
Members	0	\$1,400
Town Clerk	\$13,709	
Assessors - Chair	\$1,525	
Members	\$1,400	
Water Commissioners		\$600
School Committee	\$300	
Elector: Oliver Smith Will	\$10	
Board of Health - Chair		\$725
Members		\$600
Constables	\$11.33/hour	
Cemetery Commissioners - Sextons	\$10.28/hour	
Opening Graves Fee	\$400/grave	

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Finance Committee*

**Article 7:** To act on the report of the Finance Committee on the Fiscal Year 2007 budget and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, money for the operation of the town's departments and the payment of debt service and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budget

The Finance Committee recommends that the amounts shown in the column captioned "FY07 Non-Contingent Appropriations" be raised or appropriated or transferred from available funds for FY07 department operating purposes, debt service and other town expenses, and that the amounts shown in the column captioned "FY07 Contingent Appropriations" be appropriated from the tax levy contingent upon the passage of Proposition 2 ½ referendum questions under General Laws Chapter 59 Section 21C.

*Recommended by Selectmen  
Recommended by Finance Committee*

## FY07 Omnibus Budget

	<b>FY06 Budgets Including FY06COLA</b>	<b>FY07 Requests</b>	<b>FY07 Fin. Comm. Recommendations Level Fund</b>	<b>FY07 Non-Contingent Appropriations</b>	<b>FY07 Contingent Appropriations</b>
<b>Gen. Govt.</b>					
Selectmen's Office	\$64,711.00	63,000.00	63,000.00	52,675.00	10325
Legal Counsel	\$7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	5,000.00	2500
Audit	\$5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Town Report	\$2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00	2400
Town Bldg. Oper.	\$18,900.00	22,046.00	18,900.00	18,900.00	
Town Clerk	\$19,910.00	19,910.00	19,910.00	19,910.00	
Town Accountant	\$15,750.00	16,524.00	16,254.00	16,254.00	
Account./Payroll software	\$1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Payroll Preparation		2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	
Acct Software Conversion		4,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Treasurer/Collector	\$36,267.00	37,431.08	36,267.00	36,267.00	
Tax Takings	\$1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Assessors(including reval.)	\$26,397.00	27,735.00	26,397.00	26,397.00	
Planning Board	\$1,885.00	1,885.00	1,885.00	1,885.00	
Zoning Bd. Appeals	\$1,168.00	1,168.00	1,168.00	1,168.00	
Finance Comm.	\$150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Moderator	\$100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Cons. Comm.	\$500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Historical Comm.	\$200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Comm. Calendar	\$343.00	353.00	353.00	353.00	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$203,181.00</b>	<b>\$214,702.08</b>	<b>207,784.00</b>	<b>192,559.00</b>	<b>15,225.00</b>
<b>Cult., Rec., Serv.</b>					
Tri-Town Beach	\$3,850.00	3,850.00	3,850.00	0.00	3850
Recreation Comm.	\$5,500.00	4,900.00	3,600.00	0.00	3600
Cemetery Comm.	\$5,620.00	5,620.00	5,620.00	0.00	5620
Library	\$35,644.00	36,342.00	35,644.00	2,000.00	33644
Council on Aging	\$2,822.00	3,322.00	3,322.00	3,322.00	
Veterans	\$3,615.00	4,327.00	4,327.00	4,327.00	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$57,051.00</b>	<b>\$58,361.00</b>	<b>56,363.00</b>	<b>9,649.00</b>	<b>46,714.00</b>
<b>Public Health</b>					
Board of Health	\$2,255.00	2,255.00	2,255.00	308.00	1947
Health Agent	\$14,874.00	13,286.00	13,286.00	13,286.00	
Solid Waste Disp.	\$25,500.00	28,100.00	25,500.00	24,500.00	1000
Hazardous Waste	\$500.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	
FC Waste Dist.	\$3,531.00	3,684.00	3,684.00	3,684.00	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$46,660.00</b>	<b>\$48,075.00</b>	<b>45,475.00</b>	<b>42,528.00</b>	<b>2,947.00</b>

### FY07 Omnibus Budget

	<b>FY06 Budgets Including FY06COLA</b>	<b>FY07 Requests</b>	<b>FY07 Fin. Comm. Recommendations Level Fund</b>	<b>FY07 Non-Contingent Appropriations</b>	<b>FY07 Contingent Appropriations</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>					
Fire	\$29,775.00	34,289.00	29,775.00	26,798.00	2977
Ambulance	\$19,230.00	22,140.00	19,230.00	17,307.00	1923
Police	\$97,896.00	98,814.00	97,896.00	83,896.00	14000
Quinn Bill Incentive	\$6,740.00	6,740.00	6,740.00	6,740.00	
Animal Control	\$2,352.00	2,352.00	2,352.00	2,117.00	235
Animal Inspection	\$309.00	409.00	309.00	309.00	
Emergency Mgt.	\$935.00	935.00	935.00	935.00	
FC Inspection Prog.	\$32,332.00	35,182.00	35,182.00	35,182.00	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$189,569.00</b>	<b>\$200,861.00</b>	<b>192,419.00</b>	<b>173,284.00</b>	<b>19,135.00</b>
<b>Public Works</b>					
<b>Highway Dept.</b>					
Salaries	\$102,934.00	103,641.00	103,641.00		
Gen. Highways	\$59,031.00	66,005.00	59,031.00		
Winter Roads	\$82,063.00	95,477.00	83,447.00		
Road Machinery	\$17,675.00	17,675.00	17,675.00		
Garage Maint.	\$5,695.00	5,820.00	5,695.00		
Trees	\$3,600.00	6,050.00	3,600.00		
Adjustment to Highway					
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$270,998.00</b>	<b>\$294,668.00</b>	<b>273,089.00</b>	<b>245,781.00</b>	<b>27308</b>
<b>Water Dept.</b>					
Salaries	\$22,397.00	22,397.00	22,397.00	20,570.00	1827
Operations	\$23,000.00	24,300.00	23,000.00	20,700.00	2300
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$45,397.00</b>	<b>46,697.00</b>	<b>45,397.00</b>	<b>41,270.00</b>	<b>4,127.00</b>
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$316,395.00</b>	<b>\$341,365.00</b>	<b>\$318,486.00</b>	<b>\$287,051.00</b>	<b>\$31,435.00</b>
<b>Ins. &amp; Benefits</b>					
Prop. & Liab. Ins.	\$45,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	
Emp. Health Ins.	\$231,000.00	266,000.00	266,000.00	266,000.00	
Medicare & Soc. Sec.	\$14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	
Workers Comp. Ins.	\$10,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Life	\$1,200.00	1,260.00	1,260.00	1,260.00	
Unemp. Ins.	\$1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Retirement	\$87,374.00	82,541.00	82,541.00	82,541.00	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$389,574.00</b>	<b>\$431,801.00</b>	<b>431,801.00</b>	<b>431,801.00</b>	

## FY07 Omnibus Budget

	<b>FY06 Budgets Including FY06COLA</b>	<b>FY07 Requests</b>	<b>FY07 Fin. Comm. Recommendations Level Fund</b>	<b>FY07 Non-Contingent Appropriations</b>	<b>FY07 Contingent Appropriations</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>					
Temp. Loan Int.	\$3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Reserve Fund	\$20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Stabilization Fund					
FR Council of Govt.	\$14,147.00	16,083.33	<b>16,083.33</b>	16,083.33	
Physicals & Tests	\$750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	
Town Vehicles Fuel	\$17,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00	5000
Vaccinations					
Educational Incentives(T.Clerk)	\$1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
<b>Proposed 2% COLA</b>					
3% COLA	\$959.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Recommended raises					
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$56,856.00</b>	<b>\$65,833.33</b>	<b>65,833.33</b>	<b>60,833.33</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Total Town Govt.:</b>	<b>\$1,259,286.00</b>	<b>\$1,360,998.41</b>	<b>1,318,161.33</b>	<b>1,197,705.33</b>	<b>120,456.00</b>
<b>Schools</b>					
<b>Elementary</b>					
Operating					
Transportation					
Fixed Assets					
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$1,179,484.00</b>	<b>1,247,503.00</b>	<b>1,233,293.00</b>	<b>1,113,293.00</b>	<b>120000</b>
<b>Frontier</b>					
Operating	\$822,952.00	853,243.00	853,243.00	853,243.00	
Exist. Cap. Costs					
Transportation	\$11,413.00	8,983.00	8,983.00	8,983.00	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$834,365.00</b>	<b>\$862,226.00</b>	<b>862,226.00</b>	<b>862,226.00</b>	
<b>FC Technical</b>					
Operating	\$104,713.00	85,853.00	85,353.00	85,353.00	
Other	\$2,924.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Sub-total:</b>	<b>\$107,637.00</b>	<b>\$85,853.00</b>	<b>85,353.00</b>	<b>85,353.00</b>	
<b>Smith Vocational Tuition</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>	
<b>Total Schools:</b>	<b>\$2,137,486.00</b>	<b>\$2,226,582.00</b>	<b>2,211,872.00</b>	<b>2,091,872.00</b>	<b>120,000.00</b>
<b>Total Town &amp; Sch:</b>	<b>\$3,396,772.00</b>	<b>\$3,587,580.41</b>	<b>3,530,033.33</b>	<b>3,289,577.33</b>	<b>240,456.00</b>
<b>Long term-Debt</b>					
Water System Bond	\$109,800.00	112,362.50	112,362.50	112,362.50	
Whately Elem. School Bond	\$296,025.00	284,400.00	284,400.00	284,400.00	
Frontier Bond	\$118,068.00	110,543.00	110,543.00	110,543.00	
Frontier Athletic Fields					
Fire Truck	\$46,310.00	0.00			
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$570,203.00</b>	<b>507,305.50</b>	<b>507,305.50</b>	<b>507,305.50</b>	
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$3,966,975.00</b>	<b>\$4,094,885.91</b>	<b>4,037,338.83</b>	<b>3,796,882.83</b>	<b>240,456.00</b>

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$50,000** from the Town Hall Renovation Design account towards funding the FY07 Omnibus budget or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Finance Committee*

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$9,204** for its share of renovations of the former East Whately Elementary School, currently the offices of the Frontier Regional School District, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**(This article is proposed by the Frontier Regional School District: three of the four member towns must approve this article in order for this project to proceed).**

*Recommended by Finance Committee*

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Article 10:** To see if the town will vote to amend the Whately Zoning bylaws and the Code of the Town of Whately by inserting the following Aquifer Protection District bylaw and associated map as section 171-28.4 or take any other action relative thereto.

## 171-28.4 AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT

### A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Aquifer Protection District is:

- to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community by ensuring an adequate quality and quantity of drinking water for the residents, institutions and businesses of the Town of Whately;
- to protect existing and potential groundwater supplies and recharge areas, particularly those areas that contribute to the public water supplies;
- to conserve the natural resources of the Town of Whately; and
- to prevent temporary and permanent contamination of the environment.

### B. AUTHORITY

The Aquifer Protection District is an overlay district superimposed on the underlying zoning districts. This overlay district by-law applies to all new construction, reconstruction, or expansion of existing buildings, parking areas, and new or expanded uses. Applicable activities or uses within a portion the Aquifer Protection District must comply with the requirements of this district, as well as with the underlying zoning. Uses prohibited in the underlying zoning districts are not permitted in the Aquifer Protection District.

### C. CRITERIA DEFINING THE AREAS WITHIN THE AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT

For the purposes of this district, there are hereby established within the Town, four (4) Aquifer Protection District Areas, consisting of Zone I, Zone II, Zone III, and an Interim Wellhead Protection Area. The criteria used to delineate these areas are set forth in the

Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations, 310 CMR 22.02, and are described in the Source Water Assessment Program Reports prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the Whately Water District (January 14, 2002) and the Whately Water Department (November 27, 2002).

1. Zone I – The protective radius around a public water supply well that should be owned or controlled by the water supplier. For the two (2) Water District wells, the protective radius is 245 feet around each well. For the two (2) Water Department wells, the protective radius is 400 feet around each well.
2. Zone II – The area of an aquifer which contributes water to a well under the most severe pumping and recharge conditions that can be realistically anticipated (180 days of pumping at approved yield, with no recharge from precipitation). It is bounded by the groundwater divides which result from pumping the well and by the contact of the aquifer with less permeable materials such as till or bedrock. In some cases, streams or lakes may act as recharge boundaries. In all cases, Zone II shall extend upgradient to its point of intersection with prevailing hydrogeologic boundaries (a groundwater flow divide, a contact with till or bedrock, or a recharge boundary).
3. Interim Wellhead Protection Area (IWPA) – The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection established an Interim Wellhead Protection Area (IWPA) for each of the Whately Water District Wells. The IWPA is a circle around each well that has a radius of 605 feet.
4. Zone III – Means that land area beyond the area of Zone II and the IWPA from which surface water and groundwater drain into Zone II and the IWPA. The surface drainage area as determined by topography is commonly coincident with the groundwater drainage area and will be used to delineate Zone III. In some locations, where surface and groundwater drainage are not coincident, Zone III shall consist of both the surface drainage and the groundwater drainage areas.

#### D. AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT AREA BOUNDARIES

1. Aquifer Map  
The boundaries of the Aquifer Protection District are shown on the “Whately Zoning Map – Aquifer Protection District Areas” dated xxxx, as amended by Town Meeting. Said map is hereby made a part of this Zoning Bylaw.
2. Location of Building Lots  
If any portion of a proposed building lot lies within an Aquifer Protection District Area, then the lot is subject to the regulations of the Aquifer Protection District Area in which it is located.
3. District Boundary Disputes  
If the location of the District boundary in relation to a particular parcel is in doubt, resolution of boundary disputes shall be through a Special Permit application to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Any application for a special permit for this purpose shall be accompanied by adequate documentation.

The burden of proof shall be upon the owner(s) of the land to demonstrate where the location of the district boundary is with respect to their parcel(s) of land when the location of the district boundary is disputed. At the request of the owner(s), the Town of Whately may engage a professional engineer, hydrologist, geologist, or soil scientist to determine more accurately the boundaries of the district with respect to individual parcels of land. The Town may charge the owner(s) for reasonable costs for the investigation.

#### E. PROHIBITED USES

The following uses are prohibited within the Aquifer Protection District:

1. In Zone 1, all uses are prohibited except structures and uses necessary to extract groundwater for the purpose of providing a public water supply. The disposal of liquid or leachable wastes or the discharge of any septage waste within Zone 1 is prohibited.
2. The following uses are prohibited within Zone I, Zone II, Zone III and the Interim Wellhead Protection Area (IWPA):
  - (a) landfills, stump dumps, and open dumps as defined in 310 CMR 19.006 and **landfills receiving only wastewater and/or septage residuals including those approved by the Department pursuant to M.G.L.c. 21, §26 through §53; M.G.L.c. 111, §17; M.G.L c. 83, §6 and §7, and regulations promulgated thereunder;**
  - (b) storage of sludge and septage, unless such storage is in compliance with 310 CMR 32.30 and 310 CMR 32.31;
  - (c) any floor drainage system that discharges to the ground;
  - (d) *manufacture and production of paving, roofing, and other construction materials using petroleum-based coatings and/or preserving materials;*
  - (e) *airports, helipads, truck and bus terminals or stations;*
  - (f) storage of sodium chloride, chemically treated abrasives and other deicing chemicals, except quantities necessary for normal household use, unless such storage, including loading areas, is within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff or leachate;
  - (g) automobile graveyards and junkyards, as defined in M.G.L.c. 140B, §1;
  - (h) facilities that generate, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste that are subject to M.G.L.c. 21C and 310 CMR 30.00, except for:
    - (1) very small quantity generators as defined under 310 CMR 30.000;
    - (2) household hazardous waste centers and events under 310 CMR 30.390;
    - (3) waste oil retention facilities required by M.G.L. c. 21, §52A;
    - (4) water remediation treatment works approved by DEP for the treatment of contaminated ground or surface waters;
  - (i) petroleum, fuel oil, and heating oil bulk stations and terminals including, but not limited to, those listed under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes 5983 and 5171, not including liquefied petroleum gas.
  - (j) storage of liquid hazardous materials, as defined in M.G.L.c. 21E, and/or liquid petroleum products unless such storage is:
    - (1) above ground level, and;
    - (2) on an impervious surface, and
    - (3) either
      - (i) in container(s) or above ground tank(s) within a building, or
      - (ii) outdoors in covered container(s) or above ground tank(s) in an area that has a containment system designed and operated to

- hold either 10% of the total possible storage capacity of all containers, or 110% of the largest container's storage capacity, whichever is greater;
- (k) hairdressing and beauty salons;
  - (l) discharge to the ground of non-sanitary wastewater including industrial and commercial process waste water, except:
    - (1) the replacement or repair of an existing treatment works that will not result in a design capacity greater than the design capacity of the existing treatment works;
    - (2) treatment works approved by the Department designed for the treatment of contaminated ground or surface water and operating in compliance with 314 CMR 5.05(3) or 5.05(13); and
    - (3) publicly owned treatment works.
  - (m) stockpiling and disposal of snow and ice containing deicing chemicals;
  - (n) storage of commercial fertilizers, as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 128, §64, unless such storage is within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff or leachate;
  - (o) automotive service and repair, boat repair and service, internal combustion engine service and repair, gasoline stations, and commercial car washes;
  - (p) on-site dry cleaning establishments;
  - (q) the excavation or the removal of soil, loam, sand, gravel or any other mineral substances within ten (10) feet of the historical high groundwater table elevation (as determined by a DEP approved soil evaluator in accordance with 310 CMR 15.103 (3) and witnessed by the Board of Health) unless the substances removed are re-deposited on site within 45 days of removal to achieve a final grading greater than ten (10) feet above the historical high water mark, and except for excavations for the construction of building foundations, swimming pools, roof runoff infiltration systems or the installation of utility works and approved drainage systems.

## F. DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT

1. Within Zone II, the Interim Wellhead Protection Area, and the Zone III, the minimum lot size for all uses is three (3) acres. A lot must have two hundred (200) feet of frontage on a street. The lot must comply with the dimensional requirements of the underlying zoning district for Front Yards and Rear Side Yards.
2. Within Zone II, the Interim Wellhead Protection Area, and the Zone III, the maximum lot coverage shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the lot.
  - (a) The following shall not be considered coverage:
    - (1) natural areas; such as, landscaping, gardens, lawns, etc.;
    - (2) one shed less than 120 square feet;
    - (3) open decks, (i.e. slotted, allowing precipitation to easily flow through to the ground);
    - (4) handicap ramps;
    - (5) above ground swimming pools;
    - (6) building footprints of up to ten percent (10%) of lot area, with approved artificial recharge systems.

- (b) Lot coverage is defined as all uses on a lot that include, but are not limited to:
  - (1) buildings,
  - (2) structures,
  - (3) driveways,
  - (4) parking areas, and
  - (5) impervious walkways and patios.
- (c) Lot coverage calculations for lots in an open space/cluster development (as defined in Section 171-25 of the Zoning Bylaws) shall be based on the inclusion of a proportionate share of the permanently protected open space approved as part of the open space/cluster development.

## G. SPECIAL PERMIT USES

- 1. Unless a protected and lawful use, or an exempted use, the following shall require a Special Permit, pursuant to ~171-31, from the Zoning Board of Appeals:
  - (a) the expansion or modification of a non-conforming use.
  - (b) any subdivision of land subject to the requirements of Chapter 234.
  - (c) the construction of one or more multifamily structures.
- 2. Land uses and developments that require a Special Permit in the underlying zoning district, as designated in ~171-8, Table of Use Regulations, must comply with ~171-31. Special Permits; and the Application Procedures, Criteria, and Performance Standards that apply in the Aquifer Protection Overlay District, ~171-28.4 G. and ~171-28.4 H.
- 3. Application Procedures. The applicant must submit a completed Water Supply Protection Review Checklist with the application for a Special Permit.
- 4. Criteria.
  - (a) Before granting a special permit, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall consider the proposed use in relation to the site and the adjacent uses and structures and the town and shall find that there will be no significant adverse impacts to the Whately public water supplies and aquifer recharge areas, considering the following criteria:
    - (1) The proposed project complies with the performance standards of the Aquifer Protection Overlay District.

## H. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR THE AQUIFER PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT

- 1. Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Multi-family Residential, and Residential Subdivision Recharge and Stormwater Management Requirements
  - (a) New commercial, industrial, institutional and multi-family residential uses, and all roads and parking facilities (greater than 5 spaces), shall require a stormwater management plan. The stormwater management plan must be developed by a professional engineer registered in the State of Massachusetts, and shall be reviewed and approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer who reserves the right to retain a consultant engineer to review said plan, at the applicant(s) expense.

- (b) Applicants are encouraged to incorporate natural drainage patterns and Low Impact Development (LID) techniques in their site design in order to mimic pre-development hydrology and remove pollutants from stormwater.
- (c) All recharge systems shall be maintained in full working order by the owner(s) under the provision of an operations and maintenance plan approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer to ensure that the system functions as designed.
- (d) Recharge systems shall be designed to contain a volume equivalent to one inch of runoff from the tributary area or, if dynamic operation is proposed, to accommodate at least a one-inch (1") runoff in a one (1) hour period.
- (e) Direct stormwater discharge, except roof runoff, into dry wells or underground discharge is prohibited on non-residential properties except where first filtered through a device that provides approved pre-treatment.
- (f) Infiltration systems shall be designed to control hazardous material spills, remove contamination, and to avoid sedimentation of leaching facilities.
- (g) The Zoning Board of Appeals may require an operations and maintenance plan for recharge systems including yearly inspection and enforcement procedures. The Zoning Enforcement Officer may modify the inspection schedule based on the results of prior inspections, not to exceed three (3) years between inspections.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following general bylaw and amend the Town of Whately Code to include said bylaw or take any other action relative thereto.

***TOWN OF WHATELY  
RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW***

**Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent**

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of Whately restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment").

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Whately by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

**Section 2 Definitions**

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.

The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;

- dairying;
- production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, floricultural, or horticultural commodities;
- growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- raising of livestock, including horses;
- keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and
- keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches, and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

“Farming” shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals;
- applications of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
- processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmers’ market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and
- on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

### **Section 3      Right to Farm Declaration**

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Whately. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right To Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation or local zoning law.

### **Section 4      Disclosure Notification**

A copy of the following disclosure notification shall be published by the Town of Whately on an annual basis in the town report. The disclosure notification shall state the following:

“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect, and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform landowners and occupants of the Town of Whately that the property they own or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Landowners and occupants are also informed that the location of their property may be impacted by commercial agricultural

operations by existing right of ways or rental agreements already in place for such property under certain circumstances.”

## **Section 5 Resolution of Disputes**

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Select Board, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Select Board may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed upon time frame.

The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

## **Section 6 Severability Clause**

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of Whately hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

**Article 12:** To see if the town will vote to amend the Whately Zoning bylaws and the Code of the Town of Whately by adding the following to ~171-8 Table of Use Regulations under “Accessory Uses” and adding section 171-28.3 as follows or take any other actions relative thereto.

To be added to ~ 171-8 (Table of Use Regulations)under “Accessory Uses”

	Residential/ Agricultural	Commercial	Commercial/ Industrial	Industrial
Amateur radio towers or antennas (see ~ 171-28.3)	SP	SP	SP	SP

To be added after ~171-28.2

~171-28.3. Amateur Radio Facilities.

A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish standards and procedures for the permitting of amateur radio facilities consistent with the following goals:

1. To reasonably accommodate the construction and operation of amateur radio facilities in accordance with federal law and M.G.L. C. 40A, §3, and
2. To minimize the impacts amateur radio towers may cause, including, but not limited to: impacts on aesthetics, environmentally sensitive areas, and historical locations; obstruction of flight corridors; injurious accidents; property damage; and diminution of property values.

B. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated below:

1. AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR – an individual who (1) pursues an interest in radio technique as a personal aim without pecuniary interest and (2) holds an amateur operator license granted by the United States Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”).
2. AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA – any wire, set of wires, or exterior apparatus, designed, constructed, or used for amateur radio communications through the sending and/or receiving of electromagnetic waves.
3. AMATEUR RADIO TOWER – any structure designed, constructed, or used for the purpose of supporting one or more amateur radio antennas.

C. General Provisions:

1. No amateur radio antenna, or amateur radio tower, having any dimension greater than 5 feet shall be constructed or modified by any entity or individual (hereinafter the “applicant”) unless the applicant has obtained a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals and site plan approval from the Planning Board pursuant to the provisions of this section.
2. Permits and approvals granted pursuant to this section are not transferable and may not be conveyed with ownership of a permitted amateur radio tower or amateur radio antenna.
3. No amateur radio antenna or tower permitted under this section shall be nearer to any property line, existing building, or way (public or private) than a distance equal to twice the vertical distance from the highest point of the antenna or tower, whichever is higher, to the mean finished grade at the base of the antenna or tower, whichever is lower.
4. Only one amateur radio tower shall be permitted per lot. An applicant may obtain an exemption from this restriction upon a showing that the type of amateur radio communications that the applicant wishes to engage in requires more than one amateur radio tower be placed on a lot.
5. Amateur radio antennas and amateur radio towers permitted under this section may only be used by amateur radio operators as a personal aim without pecuniary interest. No antenna or tower permitted under this section may be used for commercial purposes.
6. Antennas and towers commonly and universally associated with those that one finds in a factory area or an industrialized complex shall not be permitted in residential zones.
7. The height regulation set forth in ~171-9(c ) shall not apply to amateur radio towers permitted under this section.

D. Submittal Requirements

1. As part of any application for a permit, applicants shall submit, at a minimum, the information required for site plan approval, as set forth herein at ~171-17, as may be amended. Applicants shall also describe the capacity of any proposed tower, including the number and types of antennas that it can accommodate and the basis for the calculation of capacity, and any accessory structures. For applications involving proposed or existing amateur radio towers with a height in excess of 55 feet, all calculations shall be certified by, and bear the stamp or seal of, a professional engineer licensed in Massachusetts.
2. All applications for amateur radio antennas or towers shall be made and filed on the application forms for site plan and special permit approval in accordance with ~171-17 and ~of the Whately Zoning Bylaws. In addition to the foregoing, five copies of the following documentation must be submitted for an application to be considered complete::
  - a. Proof that the applicant holds an amateur radio operator’s license issued by the FCC and that the applicant is in good standing with the FCC.
  - b. A locus plan at a scale of one inch equals 200 feet which shall show all property lines, the exact location of any proposed antennas or towers, street landscape features, residential dwellings on abutting lots and all buildings within 500 feet of any proposed antennas or towers.

- c. A color photograph or rendition of any proposed antennas or towers in their proposed location. A rendition shall also be prepared that illustrates any proposed antennas or towers from the nearest street or streets.
  - d. Applicants seeking permits to construct or alter amateur radio towers with a height in excess of 55 feet shall submit the following additional documentation:
    - i. A description of any proposed towers or antennas and the technical, economic, or other reasons for the proposed location, height, and design.
    - ii. Confirmation that proposed towers or antennas comply with all applicable federal and state standards.
    - iii. A description of the capacity of any proposed antennas or towers including the number and type of panels, antennas and transmitter receivers that can be accommodated, the radio frequency coverage, and the basis for these calculations.
    - iv. A written statement that the proposed facility complies with, or is exempt from, applicable regulations administered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
- E. Review. The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals will review applications submitted pursuant to the provisions of this section based on the criteria listed below. The Planning Board, through the site plan review, may impose reasonable conditions, including height restrictions, to accomplish the purposes of this bylaw and the purposes of ~171-17.
- 1. Whether the proposed facility or modification complies with all local, state, and federal rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the general provisions of this section.
  - 2. Whether existing on-site vegetation will be preserved to the maximum extent practicable.
  - 3. Whether the plan minimizes, to the maximum extent feasible, adverse visual effects.
  - 4. Whether the plan minimizes, to the maximum extent feasible, adverse effects on environmentally sensitive areas.
  - 5. Whether the plan minimizes, to the maximum extent feasible, adverse effects on nearby historical areas.
  - 6. Whether the proposed or existing facility will be, or is, owned and operated by a licensed amateur radio operator.

**Article 13:** To see if the town will vote to adopt Section 18 of Mass General Laws Chapter 32B which requires that all eligible retirees enroll in Medicare Part B or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Finance Committee  
Recommended by Selectmen*

**Article 14.** To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 by borrowing to renovate the Whately Youth Center into the Whately Police Station according to construction design plans drawn by architect Bannister & Greenberg and to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7(9) for a period not to exceed five years, provided however, that this appropriation and debt authorization be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C (k) or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Finance Committee  
Recommended by Selectmen*

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Center School Offices, Post Office, and the S. W. Dickinson Library in said Whately, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of April in the year two thousand and six.

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Alan E. Sanderson, Jr., Chair

Selectmen

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of

Paul K. Newlin

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Whately

Jonathan S. Edwards

A true copy. Attest:

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Constable

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Whately in the County of Franklin,

GREETING:

IN THE NAME OF THE Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Whately on **Tuesday, the sixteenth day of May** next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes for the election of the following officers:

One Moderator for one year  
One Selectman for three years  
One School Committee member for three years  
One Assessor for three years  
Two Library Trustees for three years  
One Cemetery Commissioner for three years  
One Board of Health for three years  
One Water Commissioner for three years  
One Elector Under Oliver Smith Will for one year  
One Frontier Regional School District Committee member for three years

**The polls will be open for voting from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office, S. White Dickinson Memorial Library and the Center School Offices in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding of said meeting.

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Alan E. Sanderson, Jr., Chair

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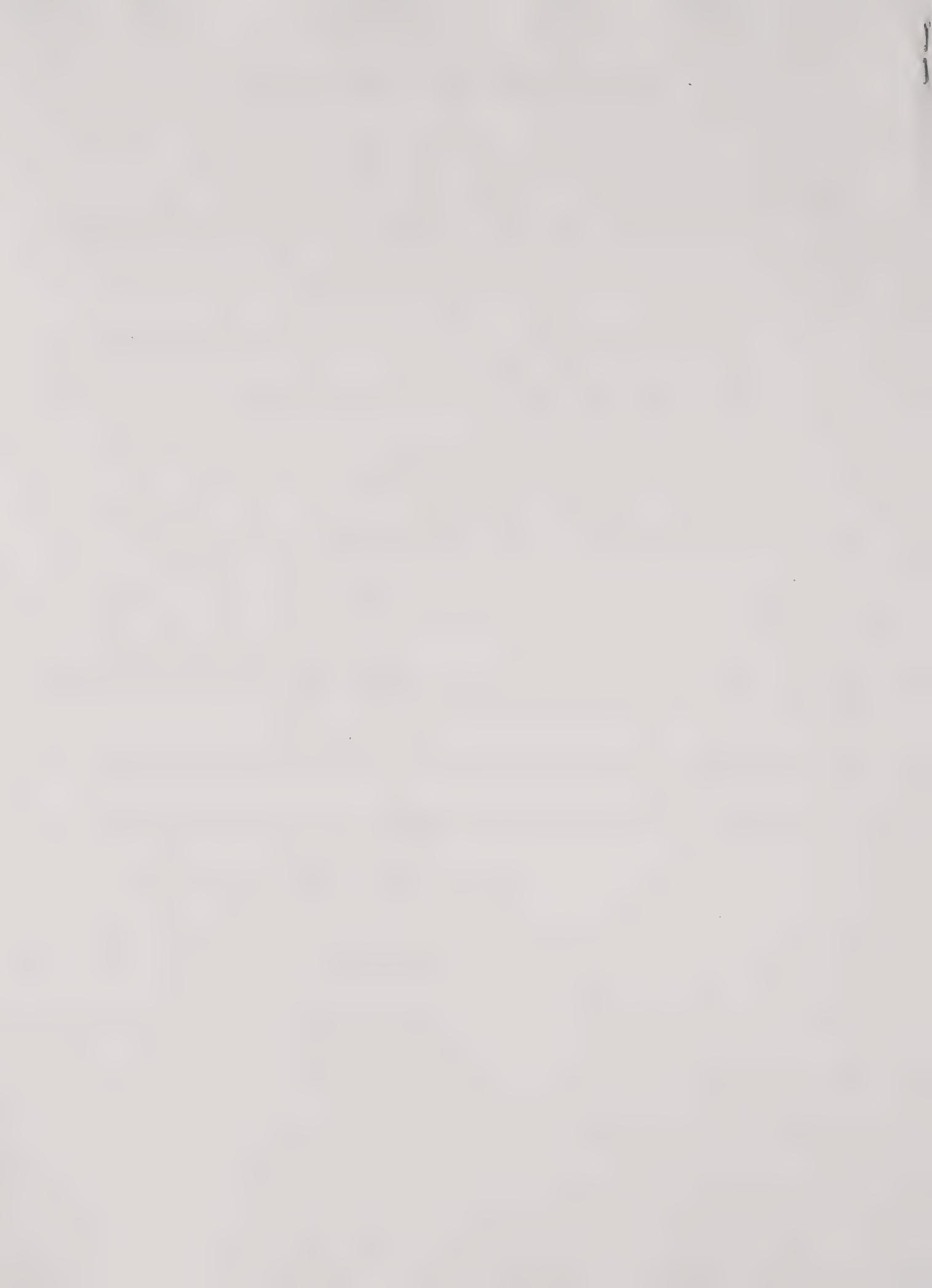
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Jonathan S. Edwards  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Whately

A true copy. Attest:

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Constable



## Report of The Whately Finance Committee

This year's budget was a tremendous challenge, with pressures beyond even the previous year's tight revenues. As in FY 05, we are looking at substantial increases in spending requests at all three of the schools to which we contribute. The overall increase to the education budget is approximately \$187,000, or 9.5%. Again, much of this increase is attributable to the method used to calculate our minimum contribution to education, as well as insurance, energy and other largely unavoidable costs. In addition, the impact of School Choice and Charter Tuition have steadily undermined the state Chap. 70 aid to our elementary school, to the point where we are funding that budget almost entirely with local dollars. In light of this, the Finance Committee is recommending, for the first time in a number of years, that the coming year's budget be balanced by means of a Proposition 2.5% override. This \$70,000 ± override, assuming that it passes, would be appropriated directly to the Whately Elementary School FY 06 operating budget.

The actual increases in school budgetary items have been largely justified to our satisfaction, and we have negotiated whatever reductions we could with the School Committees and administration –at this point, we are recommending that the budget be passed as requested, but feel that we owe it to the entire municipal budget to request the additional revenue in the form of an override –it will be in the hands of the voters as to whether this capacity will be granted, or whether we will need to institute further cuts in the municipal budget.

We have presented a budget for municipal operations that is essentially level funded. Overall, municipal spending is approximately 3% higher, or \$35,000, than FY 05. We have recommended level funding on almost all budgets, allowing only for unavoidable fixed costs, such as assessments from other organizations. We want to make it clear that this will not necessarily be a level service budget, as rising energy costs are sure to have an impact on our operations.

We are recommending raising the employee contribution to Health Insurance to 20%, from the current 15%. This is a cost savings of \$13,000. It represents a major increase to the employees, since our health plan is raising the costs of premiums, copays and deductibles. In light of that, we are also recommending that municipal employees receive the same 3% cost-of living increase granted by contract to teachers in our local systems, which lessens the impact of their additional insurance costs this year.

We are recommending that the Capital Improvements Plan, totaling \$81,500, be funded from available reserves for this coming year. The plan has been reduced by various strategies from its original amount, and we are reluctant to cut it further, as continually postponing needed projects will only increase the costs. We are slowly but surely expending the reserves that were accumulated in happier times, which will stand at about \$200,000 after this year's budget is settled. This is the bare minimum reserve recommended for a town of Whately's size, and we are certainly reluctant to deplete them further. The use of reserves is an unavoidable fact of municipal finance, but we are hoping that this trend will be reversed in the near future, as it cannot continue indefinitely.

We are still waiting to hear from the Legislature on their proposed state budget for the coming year, and we are hopeful that they will take steps to increase the aid figures to local government, as they rightfully should. However, we are not anticipating that any increases in state aid will be large enough to balance this year's budget without further cuts or additional revenue provided by an override. In the meantime, we will continue to take whatever steps we can to insure that our tax dollars produce maximum results.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Antaya, Chair  
Dan Kennedy  
Jane Grybko

Richard Howes  
Richard Smith  
Maryann Sadoski

Tom Mahar

Town of Whately  
Annual Town Meeting Warrant  
April 26, 2005

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Franklin, SS.**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Whately in the County of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the **Whately Elementary School, 273 Long Plain Road in Whately on Tuesday, the twenty sixth day of April next, at seven o'clock in the afternoon**, then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the Annual Reports of the officers of the Town, and to hear any other reports of the Boards and Committees, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements with banking institutions having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during Fiscal Year 2006, as permitted by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 (F), or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state or private grant monies on behalf of the Town and authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving funds for certain town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 s. 53 E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY2006 Spending Limit	Disposition of FY05 Fund Balance	Spending Restrictions or Comments
Dog Licensing and Control Revolving Fund	Town Clerk Animal Control Officer	Dog license fees, fines and late charges	Any lawful expense related to dog licensing, animal control officer operating expenses, or any expense related to the implementation of the town's Dog Control By-law	\$1,000	\$1,000 of balance available for expenditure, remainder to revert to General Fund	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Recreation Revolving Fund	Recreation Commission by majority vote of its membership	Sports program registration fees, building and park rental fees, donations and proceeds from fund-raisers	Any lawful expense related to the activities, programs, and facilities operated by the Recreation Commission	\$10,000	Balance available for expenditure	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Library Revolving Fund	Trustees of S. W. Dickinson Memorial Library, by majority vote of its membership	Fees from overdue books and videos and fees from copy machine use	Any lawful expense associated with the activities and programs of the S. W. Dickinson Memorial Library	\$1,000	Balance available for expenditure	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Public Hearings Revolving Fund	Town Clerk	Fees for costs of public hearings	Costs related to hearings: advertising, recording fees, and other expenses	\$2500	First year of fund – Balance available for expenditure in future years.	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Total Spending:				\$14,500		

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws, CHP. 40, Sec. 22F authorizing the Town Clerk, or any other municipal board or officer empowered to issue licenses and permits or render services, to establish, and from time to time, reasonably amend, fees and charges, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws, CHP. 54, Sec. 16A, authorizing the Town Clerk to appoint an enrolled voter to fill the vacancy of an absent poll worker, provided that they are of the same political party as the absent officer; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws, CHP. 53, Sec. 9A, authorizing the following provisions regarding nomination papers: “the final date for obtaining blank nomination papers shall be forty eight week day hours prior to the hour on which nomination papers are due...”, and, “ each candidate shall file with the town clerk, prior to obtaining nomination papers, a statement containing his/her name and address, and the office for which he/she intends to be a candidate”; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chp. 43-1 of the Whately Town Bylaws, to increase the membership of the Whately Recreation Commission from five members to seven members, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will fix the salaries or compensation of the elected officers of the town for Fiscal Year 2006 as follows or take any other action relative thereto:

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

	<u>FY 05</u>	<u>FY 06</u>
Moderator	\$87	\$100
Selectmen - Chair	\$1,491	\$1,525
Members	\$1,360	\$1,400
Town Clerk	\$13,310	\$13,709
Assessors - Chair	\$1,491	\$1,525
Members	\$1,360	\$1,400
Water Commissioners	\$589	\$600
School Committee	\$292	\$300
Elector: Oliver Smith Will	\$10	\$10
Board of Health - Chair	\$709	\$725
Members	\$590	\$600
Constables	\$11.00	\$11.33/hour
Cemetery Commissioners - Sextons	\$9.98	\$10.28/hour
Opening Graves Fee	\$400	\$400/grave

**Article 11:** To act on the report of the Finance Committee on the Fiscal Year 2006 budget and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, money for the operation of the town's departments and the payment of debt service and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

### Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Budget

The Finance Committee recommends that the amounts shown in the column captioned "Recommended FY06" be granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes, each number being considered a separate appropriation and that the town vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, unless otherwise specified, such sums of money as may be required to defray town charges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 and expressly for the following purposes:

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

Whately FY 06 Omnibus Budget

	FY 05 Approp.	FY 06 Request	FY 06 - Recommended	% inc. above FY 05
<b>Gen. Govt.</b>				
Selectmen's Office	\$63,039	\$63,476	\$63,000	
Legal Counsel	\$4,950	\$10,000	\$7,500	
Audit	\$3,960	\$7,500	\$5,000	
Town Report	\$2,252	\$2,400	\$2,400	
Town Bldg. Oper.	\$18,810	\$18,900	\$18,900	
Town Clerk	\$19,082	\$19,424	\$19,424	
Town Accountant	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750	
Account./Payroll software	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Treasurer/Collector	\$34,152	\$35,876	\$35,500	
Tax Takings	\$990	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Assessors(including reval.)	\$25,582	\$26,255	\$25,800	
Planning Board	\$1,846	\$1,868	\$1,868	
Zoning Bd. Appeals	\$1,147	\$1,150	\$1,150	
Finance Comm.	\$150	\$150	\$150	
Moderator	\$100	\$100	\$100	
Cons. Comm.	\$200	\$500	\$500	
Historical Comm.	\$200	\$200	\$200	
Comm. Calendar	\$332	\$332	\$332	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$193,543</b>	<b>\$205,881</b>	<b>\$199,574</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>Cult., Rec., Serv.</b>				
Tri-Town Beach	\$3,562	\$3,850	\$3,850	
Recreation Comm.	\$5,396	\$5,950	\$5,500	
Cemetery Comm.	\$5,516	\$5,516	\$5,516	
Library	\$34,706	\$35,430	\$35,000	
Council on Aging	\$2,822	\$2,822	\$2,822	
Veterans	\$3,545	\$3,545	\$3,545	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$55,547</b>	<b>\$57,113</b>	<b>\$56,233</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

Whately FY 06 Omnibus Budget

	FY 05 Approp.	FY 06 Request	FY 06 - Recommended	% inc. above FY 05
<b>Public Health</b>				
Board of Health	\$2,176	\$2,198	\$2,198	
Health Agent	\$13,233	\$14,874	\$14,874	
Solid Waste Disp.	\$25,372	\$25,956	\$25,500	
Hazardous Waste	\$693	\$500	\$500	
FC Waste Dist.	\$2,862	\$2,862	\$2,862	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$44,336</b>	<b>\$46,390</b>	<b>\$45,934</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>				
Fire	\$29,490	\$30,288	\$29,500	
Ambulance	\$18,091	\$19,719	\$19,000	
Police	\$94,462	\$96,717	\$95,000	
Quinn Bill Incentive	\$6,544	\$6,740	\$6,740	
Animal Control	\$2,270	\$2,300	\$2,300	
Animal Inspection	\$297	\$300	\$300	
Emergency Mgt.	\$926	\$935	\$935	
FC Inspection Prog.	\$27,106	\$32,332	\$32,332	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$179,186</b>	<b>\$189,331</b>	<b>\$186,107</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>Public Works</b>				
<b>Highway Dept.</b>				
Salaries		\$99,936		
Gen. Highways		\$62,165		
Winter Roads		\$86,433		
Road Machinery		\$17,675		
Garage Maint.		\$5,860		
Trees		\$4,550		
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$267,924</b>	<b>\$276,619</b>	<b>\$268,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Water Dept.</b>				
Salaries		\$21,767	\$21,767	
Operations		\$24,000	\$23,000	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$44,616</b>	<b>\$45,767</b>	<b>\$44,767</b>	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$312,540</b>	<b>\$322,386</b>	<b>\$312,767</b>	<b>0.1%</b>

Whately FY 06 Omnibus Budget

	FY 05 Approp.	FY 06 Request	FY 06 - Recommended	% inc. above FY 05
<b>Ins. &amp; Benefits</b>				
Prop. & Liab. Ins.	\$44,352	\$45,000	\$45,000	
Emp. Health Ins.	\$218,500	\$244,000	\$231,000	
Medicare & Soc. Sec.	\$19,800	\$25,000	\$14,000	
Workers Comp. Ins.	\$8,910	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Life	\$792	\$1,200	\$1,200	
Unemp. Ins.	\$990	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Retirement	\$81,160	\$87,374	\$87,374	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$374,504</b>	<b>\$413,574</b>	<b>\$389,574</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>				
Temp. Loan Int.	\$7,920	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Reserve Fund	\$19,800	\$20,000	\$20,000	
FR Council of Govt.	\$15,719	\$14,147	\$12,147	
Physicals & Tests	\$743	\$750	\$750	
Town Vehicles Fuel	\$14,850	\$17,000	\$17,000	
Educational Incentives(T.Clerk)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	
3% COLA		\$13,200	\$13,200	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$60,032</b>	<b>\$69,097</b>	<b>\$67,097</b>	<b>11.8%</b>
<b>Total Town Govt.:</b>	<b>\$1,219,687</b>	<b>\$1,303,772</b>	<b>\$1,257,286</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>Long term-Debt</b>				
Water System Bond	\$111,925	\$109,800	\$109,800	
Whately Elem. School Bond	\$307,775	\$296,025	\$296,025	
Frontier Bond	\$127,793	\$118,068	\$118,068	
Frontier Athletic Fields	\$5,651			
Fire Truck	\$48,620	\$46,310	\$46,310	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$601,764</b>	<b>\$570,203</b>	<b>\$570,203</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>
<b>Total Omnibus Budget</b>	<b>\$1,821,451</b>		<b>\$1,827,489</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$1,194,494** to fund the operations of the Whately Elementary School for FY 06, contingent on the passage of a Prop. 2.5% override (*in the amount of \$69,600*), or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$834,365** to fund Whately's share of the FY 06 assessment for the operation of the Frontier Regional School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$104,713** to fund Whately's share of the FY 06 assessment for the operation of the Franklin County Technical School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$2,924** to fund Whately's share of the FY 06 capital assessment of the Franklin County Technical School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$16,000** to fund FY 06 tuition charges for Whately students at the Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will transfer the sum of **\$14,000** from the following accounts to fund the FY 06 Omnibus budget:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| a. FY 05 Frontier Reg. Assessment    | <b>\$5500</b> |
| b. FY 05 Temporary Interest Account: | <b>\$6000</b> |
| c. FY 05 Tax Taking Account          | <b>\$500</b>  |
| d. FY 05 Unemployment Comp. Account  | <b>\$2000</b> |

*Any individual amount may be amended by majority vote.*

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 18:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$500** to fund an account, under the control of the Veterans Graves Agent, for the purchase of markers for Whately veterans' graves, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

*The following six articles, totaling \$81,500, are considered as capital expenses, and will be moved as transfers from the 2004 Free Cash Account. The current balance in the 2004 Free Cash Account is \$359,704.*

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$10,000** to the Whately Elementary School to fund outdoor playground equipment, as part of the 2006 Capital Improvements Plan, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$5000** to the Town Clerk to fund the third year of a records restoration program for public records of the Town, as part of the 2006 Capital Improvements Plan, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$24,000** to fund the second year of a five year lease-to-own schedule for a front end loader to be purchased for the Whately Highway Department, as part of the 2006 Capital Improvements Plan, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$15,500** for the first year of a two year lease-to-own schedule for a four wheel drive police cruiser for the Whately Police Department, as part of the 2006 Capital Improvements Plan, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$17,000** for the first year of a three year lease-to-own schedule for a four wheel drive 1-ton truck for the Whately Highway Department, as part of the 2006 Capital Improvements Plan, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$10,000** for its share of renovations of the former East Whately Elementary School, currently the offices of the Frontier Regional School District, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**(This article is proposed by the Frontier Regional School District: three of the four member towns must approve this article in order for this project to proceed).**

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 25:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to transfer from FY 2004 Free Cash the sum of **\$268,000** to reduce the tax levy for FY 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 26:** To see if the town will approve the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility Municipal Agreement with Recycle America Alliance and the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection for the receipt and processing of the town's recyclable materials at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility for ten years. The town will receive \$15.67 per ton of recyclables plus a share of the revenue generated from the sale of recyclables per the contract, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Industrial Drive to Sandy Lane, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**Article 28:** To see if the town will vote to adopt the following non-binding resolution, or take any other action relative thereto.

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WHATELY CONCERNING THE MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL GUARD AND THE WAR IN IRAQ**

*WHEREAS*, the Town and its citizens strongly support the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces in Iraq and recognize the sacrifices that each of them is making. The Town and its citizens stand ready to help these fellow citizens in any way they can.

*WHEREAS*, in October 2002 the United States Congress adopted a Joint Resolution to Authorize the use of United States Armed Forces Against Iraq, relying on statements that were untrue, when in fact

- The United States was not threatened with attack by Iraq,
- Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction,
- Saddam Hussein had no role in the 9/11 attacks.

*WHEREAS*, in going to war, the President did not meet the conditions imposed by Congress, failing to show Congress why he:

- decided that diplomatic or peaceful means alone would not protect the national security of the United States or lead to enforcement of Security Council resolutions on Iraq,
- decided that going to war was a necessary action against Iraq on the theory -- never proven -- that Iraq authorized, committed, or aided in the 9/11 attacks.

*WHEREAS*, the war has resulted in serious, adverse, and potentially long-lasting consequences for the United States and for the chances for a just and durable peace in Iraq and the Mideast;

*WHEREAS*, the United States Constitution provides that Congress shall have the power to:

"provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, to suppress insurrections and repel Invasions," and the Massachusetts Constitution provides for the General Assembly to direct the training and arming of members of the Massachusetts National Guard for defense of the Commonwealth;

*WHEREAS*, at least since 1986 the President and the Congress have had nearly total control over state militias, including the Massachusetts National Guard;

*WHEREAS*, the costs of the call-up of Massachusetts National Guard members for deployment in Iraq has been significant, as reckoned in lost lives, combat injuries, psychic trauma, disruption of family life, financial hardship for individuals, families, and businesses, interruption of careers, and damage to the fabric of civic life in many Massachusetts communities;

*WHEREAS*, these are costs which would be suffered willingly were there a threat to our nation, but which are not tolerable where there is none;

*WHEREAS*, Massachusetts citizens have joined the Guard thinking that they would be serving their neighbors by helping with Massachusetts-based emergencies, unless there was a danger to America requiring transfer to active duty;

*WHEREAS*, stop-loss orders violate the mutual understanding between Massachusetts citizens in the Guard and the Commonwealth and nation they agreed to serve; and

*WHEREAS*, there is reason to believe that the federalization and deployment of Massachusetts National Guard members has rendered the remaining Guard force unable to carry out its state activities effectively;

*NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:*

*RESOLVED*, that the Town directs the members of Massachusetts' Congressional Delegation to initiate legislation in Congress to restore the balance between the federal government and the states, and to expressly limit the nearly complete federal control over State National Guard units to cases where:

- there is reasonable evidence that war powers are requested in order to protect against a threat to the territory of the United States,
- there is an insurrection or a plausible threat of insurrection; or
- there is a declaration of war under the United States Constitution;

*RESOLVED*, that the Town directs the members of Massachusetts' Congressional Delegation to forthwith initiate legislation in Congress to effect the immediate return of all Massachusetts National Guard units and personnel now serving in Iraq.

*RESOLVED*, that the Town directs the Governor of Massachusetts to forthwith order the immediate return of all Massachusetts National Guard units and personnel now serving in Iraq.

*RESOLVED*, that the Town directs the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, exercising its powers under Chapter 1, Section 1, Article III, and also Article XVII, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to:

- investigate and discuss whether members of the Massachusetts National Guard have been called to active service and assigned to duties relating to the war in Iraq in conformity with the U.S. Constitution and federal laws, including the 2002 Congressional Resolution on Iraq; and
- create a commission or other body to collect statutory, historical, and statistical information about the role of the National Guard in serving the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and
- to study the impact of the federalization and deployment of its members on the ability of the Guard to perform its mission in Massachusetts;

*RESOLVED*, that it is the will of the town that the President and the Congress take steps to withdraw American troops from Iraq, consistent with the mandate of international humanitarian law; and

*RESOLVED*, that the Town Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to:

- each member of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation,
- the Massachusetts Governor,
- the Speaker of the Massachusetts House,
- the President *Pro Tempore* of the Massachusetts Senate,
- the Adjutant General of Massachusetts.

*Requested by citizens' petition*

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Center School Offices, Post Office, and the S. W. Dickinson Library in said Whately, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of April in the year two thousand and four.

Selectmen

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Richard E. Smith, Chair

of

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Alan Sanderson, Jr.

Whately

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Harlan R. Bean

A true copy. Attest:

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Constable

This is a draft version of the FY 06 Annual Town Meeting warrant. The official warrant will be posted at the above locations by April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005



DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERAN SERVICES  
CENTRAL FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT  
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TURNERS FALLS, MA 01376  
TEL: 413-863-3205 • FAX: 413-863-3219

LEO J. PARENT, JR.  
Veterans' Agent & Director  
  
JODY WALLENIUS-DUDA  
Administrative Assistant

Dear Veterans' and Citizens:  
This past year was another good year for Veteran-Related Legislation.  
Here is a list of some of those bills.

The Edward G. Connolly Massachusetts Military Enhance Relief Individual Tax Plan. This expanded property tax and motor vehicle excise exemptions available to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

### **Veterans Property Tax Exemption Effective beginning in FY 07**

- 22 (a) Veterans with a minimum of 10% service connected disability \$ 400
- 22 (b) Veterans awarded purple heart \$ 400
- 22(d) Spouses and surviving spouses of Clause 22(a)-(c) Veterans \$ 400
- 22 (e) Gold star parents \$ 400
- 22 (f) Surviving spouses of World War 1 service members \$ 400
- 22 A Veterans who lost one hand, foot or eye or awarded certain service medal \$ 750
- 22B Veterans who lost two hands, feet or eyes. \$ 1250
- 22C Veterans with 100% disability and specially adapted housing \$ 1500
- 22D Surviving spouses of certain members or guardsmen who died from injury or disease due to being in combat zone, or who are missing in action and presumed dead due to combat. Full-1<sup>st</sup> five years of exemption- Full up to \$2500 after.
- 22E Veterans with 100% disability and who are unable to work. \$1000  
Paraplegic Veterans FULL Exemption.

Please contact you local Board of Assessors for more information and for the Application for **Tax Exemption for Veterans**.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is still offering the Two Thousand Dollars Annuity (2,000.00) for 100% service connected disabled veterans, parents of a son or daughter whose death occurred as a result of injury sustained or disease contracted during active service in time of war, insurrection, or combat, and to a spouse whose husband or wife died as a result of injury sustained or disease contracted during active service in time of war, insurrection or combat.

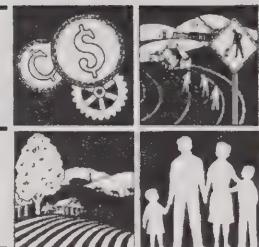
Sincerely,  
Leo J. Parent, Jr  
Director

#### Member Towns:

Ashfield • Bernardston • Buckland • Charlemont • Colrain • Conway • Deerfield • Erving • Gill • Hawley • Heath • Leverett  
Montague • Monroe • New Salem • Northfield • Orange • Plainfield • Shelburne • Shutesbury • Sunderland  
Warwick • Wendell • Whately

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## 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is pleased to submit this annual report for calendar year 2006. As the regional planning agency and governmental membership organization serving the twenty-six towns of Franklin County, we provide a broad array of planning, advocacy, and community services, as well as assessment-based programs serving municipal needs. The FRCOG and the region accomplished an enormous amount in 2006. Here is a look back through numbers.

**After 12 years of planning and advocacy** on the part of the FRCOG and the Route 2 Task Force, the **\$8 million Erving Papermill Realignment** project on Route 2 opened, improving the safety and efficiency of all highway users.

**After 15 years of advocacy, planning, design** and cobbling together financial resources, another **3 miles of off-road facilities of the Franklin County Bikeway** will open in Montague in the spring of 2007, complimenting the path in Greenfield that opened last year.

Through the Smart Growth Technical Assistance Program, the FRCOG provided **8 towns** with zoning revisions and other planning technical assistance.

The Community Coalition for Teens has been working with schools, youth agencies and groups to reduce teen alcohol and tobacco use and abuse. A 3-year comparison of use as reported by teens in the annual Teen Health Survey shows a **27% reduction in alcohol use** and a **41% reduction in marijuana use**.

The FRCOG has helped Boards of Health to create **9 Emergency Dispensing Sites** throughout the county that will be used in times of emergency and for non-emergency flu and related clinics. **Over 400 people** were served during EDS clinics this year.

The Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committees is **one of only 3** emergency planning committees in the state to have successfully submitted a regional hazardous materials response plan and receive full certification, fulfilling a federal obligation for **all 26** Franklin County towns.

Over the last 2 years, the FRCOG has managed and overseen the expenditure of more than **\$7 million of Homeland Security federal funding** on behalf of all of western Massachusetts.

With the help of the FRCOG and many others, a new **\$2.7 million emergency communication system** has been constructed in Franklin County. The system allows all local police, fire and EMS to communicate on multiple channels using a new 450 MHz frequency.

We have helped more than **18** Franklin County communities create Continuity of Operations Plans, which identify essential municipal services and an operations plan in times of emergency or pandemic.

The FRCOG Brownfields Program conducted environmental site assessment work on **7 properties in 6 Franklin County towns**, providing over **\$50,000 of professional engineering services**.

The Greater Franklin County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Program was awarded a federal Economic Development District Partnership Grant for FY2007 totaling **\$52,000 to support regional initiatives and local technical assistance**.

The Municipal Accounting Program now serves **5 Franklin County towns and 1 Hampshire County town**. The program has transferred all participating towns to the FRCOG's new accounting software program via a licensing agreement and **24-7 remote access**.

The Cooperative Purchasing Program completed **189 bids** for highway materials totaling over **\$6.4 million** in products and services for **18 Franklin County communities and 1 Hampshire County community**.

The Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program provided building, plumbing, and electrical inspection services to **17 towns**. The FCCIP issued a total of **1008 building permits, 591 wiring permits and 552 plumbing permits totaling \$304,883 in permit fees** for participating towns.

The Engineering Program worked on **45 projects** in **16 towns** last year.

In fiscal year 2007 the FRCOG total budget is estimated at **\$9,203,581**, of which **\$5,915430** was spent on capital projects (primarily in Homeland Security funding), leaving a net operating budget of **\$3,288,151** that is being used to provide services to the region and all Franklin County towns.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is committed to providing the best possible service to its member towns and to the region. For additional details about FRCOG programs, projects, and services please contact us for our full 2006 Annual Report at 413-744-3167 ext. 100 or visit us at [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org).

Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director  
Franklin Regional Council of Governments

**ANNUAL REPORT  
Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program  
Building Dept.  
FISCAL YEAR 2006**

Fiscal Year 2006, which followed two record setting years, showed some decline in construction activity. The number of dwelling unit permits issued (75) was the lowest since 1998; however, the total number of building permits issued (1008) has remained steady. Fees collected also were lower than the two previous years, but relatively steady at \$189,583.

Total number of dwelling units increased only in Charlemont and Gill; all other towns were down or remained the same. Total number o permits issued increased for the towns of Conway, Erving, Leverett, Leyden, Shelburne, and Whately.

The following towns have permit caps on the number of new dwelling units allowed in each year.

Erving	12 units
Heath	6 units
Leverett	10 units
Shutesbury	8 units
Whately	10 units

There were a significant number of projects “caught” this year without building permits in all member towns. Please encourage everyone to obtain permits and contact this office if you don’t see a permit card posted at the site.

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY  
COOPERATIVE PLUMBING/GAS PROGRAM  
FISCAL YEAR 2006**

Dear Member Town:

The enclosed report is for Fiscal Year 2006 and reflects Plumbing/Gas permits and fee activity for all member towns. For more information on activity in your town, please contact the office. A review of the number of permits and fees collected each fiscal year for the last 5 years shows the following:

FY	2002	631	36,357.00
	2003	589	43,580.00
	2004	574	44,436.00
	2005	627	54,968.00
	2006	552	53,033.00

I would like to take this opportunity to remind town residents that plumbing permits are required for installation and repairs with the following exception, "*A permit is not required for plumbing involving the repair of leaks in a faucet, valve, or other working part of a plumbing fixture, or the clearance of a stoppage*". Permits shall only be issued to licensed plumbers. I would also like to welcome Rowe into our program. I look forward to serving you and welcome any questions you might have. You can contact me during office hours on Tuesday & Thursday mornings 7a.m.-9a.m. at 772-2026, ext. 125 or email me at [plumbing@frcog.org](mailto:plumbing@frcog.org) . You will find permits, fee schedules, and helpful information on our web site at [www.fccip.org](http://www.fccip.org) .

Once again, I would like to extend my appreciation to all town officials for your cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Sincerely,

Andrew French  
Plumb/Gas Inspector

AF/cb

ANNUAL REPORT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY  
COOPERATIVE ELECTRICAL PROGRAM  
FISCAL YEAR 2006

Dear Member Town,

The enclosed report is for Fiscal Year 2006 and reflects Wiring permits and fee activity for all member towns. For more information on activity in your town, please contact the office. A review of the number of permits and fees collected each fiscal year for the last 5 years shows the following:

FY	2002	607	43,418.00
	2003	597	44,961.00
	2004	629	51,460.00
	2005	570	54,589.00
	2006	591	62,267.00

We had another busy year for inspections. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that all electrical work is to be done by a Massachusetts Licensed Electrician. A permit is required for most work. You have a right to ask to see an electrician's license. Work done on any building may not be covered by your insurance if it is not inspected by this office. If you have any questions I can be reached during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7AM-9AM at 772-2026, ext 126 or by email at [electric@frcog.org](mailto:electric@frcog.org). You will find permits, fee schedules, and helpful information on our web site at: [www.fccip.org](http://www.fccip.org).

Sincerely,

James Slowinski  
Electrical Inspector

JS/cb

2006 REPORT OF THE  
FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to the twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

The Solid Waste District continued to provide services to residents, businesses, schools, and municipal offices. We implemented an educational campaign to help residents understand what plastics can and cannot be recycled. Plastics are the leading contamination problem at the recycling facility. We also conducted another collection for unwanted medications. There is growing evidence that medications are polluting drinking water and groundwater and should not be flushed down the toilet. It's best not to throw them in the trash either. The District collects unwanted medications at no cost. We also produced educational information on ways to get rid of junk autos. This information is posted on our website or you can get a hard copy flier by calling the office (contact information is below).

The District regularly makes instructional presentations to county schools. Worm composting and paper making are two popular presentations. We work with school staff to ensure recycling programs are active and effective. The District also provides hands-on assistance to businesses and institutions that want to recycle or compost their waste.

Through a grant from the MA Department of Environmental Protection, we purchased weather-resistant recycling containers for annual fairs and special events. We found that attendees did an excellent job of sorting their waste into the proper container. Look for these new recycling bins at your town's special event in 2007.

In 2006, District towns recycled approximately 2,500 tons of paper and 1,100 tons of mixed containers. By diverting a total of 3,600 tons of recyclables from landfills and incineration, District towns collectively saved over \$240,000 in disposal costs.

The District held its annual household hazardous waste collection in September. On-line registration is increasingly popular. Almost 400 residents participated at the three regional sites. More than 1,000 gallons of motor oil was collected! The next hazardous waste collection will be held on September 8, 2007. The annual "Clean Sweep" bulky waste collection was held in October. There were almost 300 participants at three regional sites. We collected 40 tons of appliances, scrap metal, bulky items, electronics, tires, and propane tanks!

If you have questions about the District and its programs, call us at 772-2438; visit our website at [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org); or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*  
Bob Dean, Buckland - *Chair*

Nathaniel L'Etoile, Northfield - *Vice-Chair*  
Becky Jurek, Bernardston - *Treasurer*

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# TOWN DIRECTORY

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire, Ambulance, Police **911**

## TOWN DEPARTMENTS

<i>Department</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Assessors	Town Hall	665-3470
Board of Health & Health Agent	Center School	665-8051
Animal Control Officer		665-8027
Emergency Management	Center School	665-4400
FAX for Center School		665-9560
FAX for Town Hall		665-5064
Fire Department		665-2230
Burning Permits		625-8200
Highway Department		665-2983
Highway Department Fax		665-2984
Inspection Services		772-2026
Building	Courthouse	x123
Plumbing & Gas	Courthouse	x125
Wiring	Courthouse	x126
Police (non-emergency)	Center School	665-0430
Police Dispatch (non-emergency)		625-8200
Schools:		
Whately Elementary		665-7826
Frontier Regional		665-2118
Franklin County Technical		863-9561
Selectmen	Center School	665-4400
S. White Dickinson Library	Library	665-2170
Town Collector/Treasurer	Town Hall	665-2595
Town Clerk	Center School	665-0054
Town Accountant	Town Hall	665-2595
Water Department	Center School	665-3080

## OFFICE HOURS

Assessors	Tuesdays 10 A.M. – 9 P.M.
Library	Wednesdays 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.
Selectmen	Mondays and Wednesdays 10 A.M. – 8 P.M.
Town Clerk	Saturdays 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.
Treasurer/Town Collector	Monday – Friday 9 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9 A.M.- 4 P.M.
Transfer Station	Tuesdays Noon – 7 P.M. Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:45 A.M. – 2:45 P.M. Mondays 3 – 7 P.M. Tuesday, Noon – 5 P.M. Saturdays 7 A.M. – 5 P.M.